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Two new stamps were unveiled by Canada Post to commemorate the centennial Calgary Stampede this July. Story, page 6. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Roving escorts a growing problem for Calgary police

Enforcement. Calgary police believe many so-called professionals actually involved in prostitution

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Complaints of unlicensed escorts passing through Calgary are on the rise and police fear those involved are adding to the city's sex trade problem.

Data provided by the city's business-licence sector indicates there are approximately 120 legitimate escorts in Calgary represented by 19 agencies; however, police staff Sgt. Steven Drennan believes there are potentially hundreds more operating illegally in the city over short-term periods.

"It's definitely a trend we are seeing.... Some of these girls are coming in from out of country," he said.

Based on what police have gathered, the escorts travel frequently between major Canadian cities — Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Toronto, to name a few — in hopes of evading law enforcement.

They rely on Internet ads to attract customers, posing as escorts but often including a willingness to "do more."

To gain a sense of the issue, police responded to the ads of six escorts last week but found only two were licensed.

"It certainly creates a difficulty for us," Drennan said. "In you look at the Criminal Code, prostitution is not illegal, communication in public is."

City chief licence inspector Kent Pallister said legitimate escort agencies have also taken notice of their short-term competitors, as objections have begun pouring into his office.

"We do find out who they (the escorts) are, but to catch them can be difficult," he said.

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City hall

Audit welcomed on growing West LRT costs

Ald. Andre Chabot says he believes the ever-growing West LRT budget fell off the tracks right at the start.

"It was almost like an open-ended budget right from the get-go," he said. "It sounds like there was a whole bunch of incremental stuff that added up to a pretty significant number."

Calgary's largest capital project to date, the West LRT may face an audit, but when and what that entails is still up in the air.

"We talked about it (Thursday) morning and the city auditor definitely said this is something he will look at, but it's not one of his priorities at this time," said Ald. Brian Pincott, chair of the audit committee.

Pincott said he was told the audit would be better off done once the project is completed in 2013, instead of bumping current projects off the to-do list.

The audit idea was well-received during the transportation committee meeting on Wednesday.

Mac Logan, transportation manager, said an audit would be good to show where the money was expended and if it was spent appropriately, and whether procurement practices were followed.

While others might want the audit to look at the cost, Pincott said he'd be most interested in the procurement practices, which changed during the project, and the circumvention of the public-art policy.

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Will Power winning his second Edmonton IndyCar race last year. Calgary may soon have the infrastructure to host a similar event, says one alderman. METRO FILE

Race City may rev up IndyCar prospects

Short list. Calgary identified as a potential future home for racing series

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Wheels may be in motion to add Calgary to the IndyCar racing series, fuelling discussion on the ultimate potential of a replacement track for the now-closed Race City Motorsports Park.

CEO Randy Bernard told Toronto media Monday that the Indy series does have eyes on Canadian expansion and identified Calgary as one of three cities being explored.

That came as local motorsports enthusiasts are finalizing a proposal for a multimillion-dollar racing facility on Calgary's outskirts that Ald. Shane Keating has described as an "international stage."

Reached Thursday, Keating had not heard of Bernard's comments but said he was intrigued.

"The goal is to make this place as diverse as possible," he said, adding with the proper funding the new Race City could be ready to host an event of Indy's magnitude within two years.

IndyCar spokesperson Amy Konrath emphasized that Bernard's comments were made from a long-term perspective and no formal plans are in place to establish a Calgary Indy.

"There's a lot of factors we look at," she said. "We look at the demographic, we look at the track, we look at what people have proposed, how our cars would manage there.... Is this somewhere our sponsors want to be?"

Details about Calgary's new motorsports park — namely its location and price tag — are still being kept under wraps, but Keating said to expect an announcement sometime this summer.

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Elsewhere

- IndyCar currently hosts annual events in Toronto and Edmonton.
- The Toronto race was established first and dates back to 1986.
- In Edmonton, promoter Octane Motorsports is working to find a new track as its contract with the City Centre Airport expires next year, according to spokesperson Normand Prieur.

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On the web

Boy finds more than beef in Arby's sandwich

A Michigan teen finishing off an Arby's roast-beef sandwich chomped down on something tough that tasted like rubber, so he spit it out. Turns out it was apparently the severed pad of an unfortunate employee's finger. Read more at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

Doctors in the U.S. are slowly ditching their prescription pads and pens in favour of e-prescribing. About one-third of doctors are going electronic, which the government says is safer and cheaper. Scan the code for the story.

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‘Blatant disregard’ for bike lanes is ‘offensive’: Alderman

Forging a new path. Official wants city to move ahead with more safety and marking measures

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John Mar is speaking out against a “blatant disregard” for cyclists in the city.

The city alderman’s remarks came after a YouTube video captured a minivan driving in the bike lane on 10 Avenue Southwest — even veering around a cyclist.

“It’s clearly marked, there’s obviously a cyclist in the lane and every other car is sort of avoiding it,” Mar said. “Then there’s this one fellow in his minivan that decides, ‘You know what? Those rules are for other people but not for me.’ I find that offensive, I really do.”

He wants the city to go ahead with curbs and coloured asphalt to clearly demarcate bike lanes.

Brent Clark, president of Bike Calgary, said his group is on board for anything that makes cycling safer.

“It’s hard to provide safe facilities for people to cycle in,” he said, “and if there’s cars in it then we’re obviously not able to meet that need.”

The video was passed along to CPS, but until the person who filmed the footage comes forward, police can’t issue a ticket to the driver, Staff Sgt. Tony Shirok said.

“There’s two sides to every story and we have to be sure we have enough evidence.”

Pedalling information

- Police believe the issue is mainly one of education— not enough people understand the downtown bike lanes.
- Determining if the video was edited, as well as who was driving, are two key things police would have to do before issuing a ticket.

A cyclist pedals along 10 Avenue Southwest, near the spot where a YouTube video captured a motorist driving in the marked cycling lane. TESSA CLAYTON/FOR METRO

Good neighbours, a rainy day ‘perfect’ tribute to late pilot

Pilot Denny Loree and his wife, Joan, stand by Denny’s Piper plane, which was involved in a mid-air collision last weekend. METRO FILE

Community members have stepped up to help out on two Mossleigh, Alta., farms owned by victims of a mid-air plane collision in Saskatchewan last weekend.

A few dozen people helped plant crops on the farm owned by Eric Donovan and that of Denny Loree.

Preparing to attend her husband’s funeral on Thursday afternoon, Joan Loree took a brief moment to offer her thanks.

“It was just wonderful,” she said. “Now it’s raining … a rainy day for the funeral of a farmer. It’s just, well, just perfect.”

Last respects

- A funeral for Mossleigh pilot Denny Loree was held at the Bomber Command Museum of Canada in Nanton on Thursday.
- A Catholic Mass was held for Eric and Wade Donovan on Thursday night in High River. Their funeral is set for Friday at the Lynnwood Ranch in Aldersyde.
- The Donovan family is encouraging people to donate to STARS air ambulance or the Alberta Children’s Hospital in honour of their loved ones.

Neighbours also went to work on the Donovan farm, where the family is grieving the loss of both Eric and his 11-year-old son, Wade.

“It means a lot,” Eric’s cousin Ian Donovan said. “It really takes one less thing off the plate with everything else that’s going on.”

The three were killed near St. Brieux, Sask., last Saturday. Investigators have determined their Piper plane clipped the left wing of another aircraft headed east from Regina.

Both Eric Donovan and Denny Loree have been described as stewards of their community and both families got along well, as shown by the fact that Ian Donovan spoke at Loree’s funeral.

“Denny was always looking out for others,” Ian said. “He dropped everything to help Eric on Saturday with getting some equipment in Saskatchewan.”

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DON'T LET A LITTLE RAIN DAMPEN YOUR LONG WEEKEND

IN DEFENCE OF
Mike Morrison

Every year, thousands of Calgarians dream of a long weekend full of adventure, excitement and even a little relaxation.

Yes, this city is at its best when the weather is perfect. Which, according to predictions, isn't going to be this weekend. Mother Nature has once again flicked its fickle finger on our city, with forecasters calling for a less-than ideal and wet long weekend.

Sure, our dry forests could use the moisture, but after months of chilly temperatures and the odd glimmer of hot, sunny days on the patio, Calgarians are once again forced to put away their Crocs, for yet another weekend. It would seem, like most of my dating life, this spring has been filled with lots of expectations and with very little payoff.

Of course, we shouldn't be surprised that the highly anticipated long weekend will likely disappoint those seeking to take refuge in the mountains or along the rivers. For the past two years, Victoria Day in Calgary has hovered around the 12 degree mark, a temperature almost as chilly as the monarchy's demeanor itself. So since our hopes of dodging by-law officers as we gently float down the Elbow River have all but drowned, what can you do in Calgary on a rainy and cold weekend?

There are, of course, the normal indoor activities like the Glenbow Museum, Telus SPARK and going to the movie theatres, but what if you wanted to do something a little different?

I scoured the recesses of my mind and came up with some ideas that will make your long weekend memorable.

I've always wanted to do a scavenger hunt in the +15 system. During the week, they are too packed to find anything but grumpy people going to work, but on the weekend, they are all yours to explore, run around and, depending on the intensity of your scavenger hunt, take in a nap. Another suggestion I have is to take a tour of the city via the C-Train. For $2.75, it's a great deal. Plus, did you know that there is some place in this city called Whitehorn? Crazy.

But just because it's raining, it doesn't mean you have to stay inside. Actually, wet weekends are the only time I really wished I had kids. Mostly because I love jumping in puddles and getting muddy, and while I still do it, the looks from strangers wondering why a 30-year-old is running around parking lots and playgrounds by himself, gets a little tiring. If I had a kid, I could pretend I was just doing it to be a cool dad.

Whatever you do this weekend, just make sure you're safe. On second thought, maybe you shouldn't be hanging out on the C-Train.

Xerxes Irani, Calgary artist, designed the new commemorative stamps unveiled Thursday by the Calgary Stampede and Canada Post. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Two stamps mark Stampede centennial

Going postal. New commemorative Stampede stamps hit post offices Thursday

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Canada Post will be putting their stamps on this year's Calgary Stampede centennial celebrations. The two stamps, one featuring a rodeo horse and the second featuring a silver and gold belt buckle, are now available in post offices, online and by phone. "I am confident (Canadians) will choose to preserve this piece of Canadian culture," said Deanne Carson, vice-president of marketing and external relations at the Calgary Stampede.

"The Stampede has become a cultural touchstone in Canada and around the world, it is an event everyone can take part in."

These new stamps are a 'must-have' in any stamp collectors' cache, according to Gerry Vader, president of the Calgary Philatelic Society. "It is a beautiful (set of) stamp(s). It shows Calgary nicely," said Vader. The new stamp also connects to the digital world, through the use of Augmented Reality (AR). Anyone with a smartphone or tablet will be able to hover their device over the stamp and access either a barrel race game or an interactive horse experience. Canada Post is the first postal administration to connect stamps with this latest technology, in hopes of bringing a new found interest to stamp collecting.

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The N-word. Vandalism victim seeking public's help

Donations are being sought for a Calgary woman who had her car vandalized earlier this month with, a racist slur etched into the body.

Antonia Mohamed came out of her condo on May 2 to leave for work that morning when she noticed the N-word was scratched into her car.

The damage is estimated at $3,000, with her insurance company covering all but $1,000, and will take up to six weeks for the vehicle to be fixed.

"This has not been a good year," she said, adding she lost her job one week after the incident.

Southgate Chevrolet is accepting donations on her behalf. "I was disgusted," said Southgate appraiser Jon Kirkpatrick.

Kirkpatrick said the dealership plans to match donations up to a total of $500 to help Mohamed fix her vehicle. To make a donation, call Kirkpatrick at 403-570-2025.

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Moving out

- Mohamed is also hoping to move out of her current residence because she fears the same thing will happen again.
- She said any moving companies willing to lend a hand can contact her on Twitter at @ArbonneAntonia.

Science fair

Students awarded for oilsands work

Two Calgary students were recognized at the Canada-wide Science Fair for their work on oilsands remediation and hybrid bearing systems. Grade 12 Bishop Carroll High School student, Kelcie Miller-Anderson, and Grade 11 Sir Winston Churchill student Zeyu Liu, received Manning Awards at the Charlottetown, P.E.I., event Thursday. Miller-Anderson received the award, along with $4,500, for an oilsands remediation project, and Zeyu Liu received a $500 prize for her work on a hybrid magnetic bearing system. METRO

Ill dog's owner turns to Reddit

Jennifer Clarke is seen with her dog Jezebelle. The Bijon Shih Tzu is likely in for a rough road ahead as deals with diabetes and potential problems related to organ function. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Responsibility. Bylaw boss says costly vet bills not considered by many prospective owners

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It was a Reddit post made in desperation.

"My dog has a costly vet bill, and unfortunately at 21 I cannot pay for it," wrote Calgary resident Jennifer Clarke on the social-media site. "I don't want to put her down, and I don't want to her to suffer. Will work for any cash. I can clean, do yard work, data entry, etc. Ask me and I'll do it."

Clarke's struggle started a few months ago when she noticed boils developing under the eyes of her nearly 11-year-old Bijon Shih Tzu Jezebelle. From there, the dog's appetite began to wane and she appeared to be in considerable pain.

Unable to afford costly medical bills, other members of Clarke's family suggested putting the beloved pet down, but she refused and instead turned to local Redditors for support.

The response has not led to anything concrete in the way of job opportunities yet, but Clarke said she appreciates the feedback.

City bylaw boss Bill Bruce said Clarke's predicament is common among eager pet owners who don't stop to think about the potential ramifications should their animal become sick.

"You wouldn't buy a car without checking what kind of mileage it gets, the maintenance record.... You should be checking out the animal before making a such a long-term commitment," he said.

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Health problems

- Earlier this week, a vet formally diagnosed Clarke's dog with diabetes and cautioned that the pet appears susceptible to organ failure as well.
- To pay for routine checkups, insulin and other treatments, Clarke and her best friend have also begun selling off their possessions.

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Child/youth advocate

NDP seek more information on assisted-living death case

Alberta's NDP says it's time to bring in the child and youth advocate to shed light on the death of a woman who was killed on the job at an assisted-living home for teens.

Rachel Notley says child advocate Del Graff, as an independent officer reporting directly to the legislature, has more latitude to expose issues kept under wraps by the province in similar cases.

"Information is not coming out," Notley told a news conference at the legislature Thursday.

"This is information that we should have. It's a very genuine request for an open conversation about an issue that is rarely discussed openly."

Under the Child and Youth Advocate Act, Graff can investigate only in cases where a child in care has been killed or seriously injured.

Notley dismissed a suggestion she was stretching the limits of the act to try to get information that would not otherwise be made public.

"I disagree with you completely," she said.

"When somebody is in close proximity to a seriously violent incident, or in this case a fatality, that is in fact an incident itself because it fundamentally compromises (the child's) sense of security.

"The other youth who were in that setting were also at risk and have also suffered injury as a result of the fatality."

There were three teens living at the home in Camrose, southeast of Edmonton, when Dianne McClements was killed on the weekend. One of those teens, a 17-year-old youth, has been charged with second-degree murder.

Graff did not immediately return a request for an interview. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Province shies away from standardizing school fees

Debate. Public school charges for busing, noon-hour supervision still under review

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Alberta school boards will still set their own fees, says the new education minister, who is singing a different tune on the matter than his predecessor.

Former education minister Thomas Lukaszuk, who now serves as the province's deputy premier, told Metro during the recent provincial election campaign that he would standardize fees across all boards by fall.

His replacement, Minister Jeff Johnson, plans to establish some standards on fees, but will leave the ultimate verdict on costs passed to parents up to locally elected trustees.

"Every community is different, with different needs and demands," he said.

School fees have remained a hot topic among Calgary parents of late, as the public board is now reviewing a user-pay model that would see families charged for utilizing both busing and noon-hour supervision services.

Some education advocates have said it's a tough to sell Calgary parents on fees when they are higher than those charged by comparable boards in the province.

"Members would like to see how the fees come about, what's the breakdown of the fees and how the (Calgary public) board came to those decisions," said Jeff Bowes, vice-president of the Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils.

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So pumped to get some cash back on Gas Tax Honesty Day

Scott Hennig, Alberta director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, right, celebrates the 14th annual Gas Tax Honesty Day on Thursday by giving Danny Smith money back on the taxes he paid on his gas at the pumps. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Energy. Redford off to China for summit

Alberta Premier Alison Redford plans to go to China next month for a meeting with Asian energy business and political leaders.

Redford says in a news release that she will attend the Euromoney Canada-China Investors Forum on June 27-28 in Beijing.

Forum organizers are touting it as a way for Asian investors to link up with growth and investment opportunities in Canada's oil industry centred in Alberta.

Redford has stressed she wants to expand Alberta's resource exports, particularly to Asia.

In her news release, she says Canada and China are a good match because China is the world's largest consumer of energy and Alberta is the second-largest producer.

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Officials with the Calgary Zoo say the new Penguin Plunge exhibit is one reason why traffic is expected to increase over the summer. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Calgary Zoo expecting boost in summer traffic

New animals. Penguins and baby tigers are recent additions to the Calgary Zoo

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Who doesn't love cute animals?

With penguins and soon-to-be released baby tigers flanking either end of the Calgary Zoo, officials say they are expecting plenty of traffic this summer.

Since the Penguin Plunge exhibit opened in February, zoo spokesperson Laurie Skene said they estimate more than 150,000 have gone through the interactive exhibit, with no signs of slowly down this summer.

Big draw

"We haven't seen this kind of sustained popularity. Certainly, this has exceeded our expectations."
Laurie Skene, Calgary Zoo spokesperson

"It's been a good spring for us. We're certainly tracking well above our expected attendance for this time of year," she said.

In the warmer weather, Skene said the Humboldt penguins are outside the exhibit, which has cut down on wait times and allowed people to get a view without going in.

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Skene said three baby tiger cubs, now about six weeks old, will likely venture into the open in June with their mother Katja, creating a draw at the other end of the zoo.

"I think it's shaping up to be busy," she said.

Gisele Danis, vice-president of marketing for Tourism Calgary, said this summer will be a busy one across the city.

"I think this summer is going to be a year that we haven't seen, probably, since 1988," she said. "The experiences (the zoo has) put together, they're first class."

Follow Katie Turner on Twitter @Metro_Katie

Under investigation

Family pets killed in N.E. Calgary house fire

Two dogs were killed in a northeast house fire early Thursday morning.

The Calgary Fire Department responded to reports of a fire on the 100 block of Saddleback Road Northeast around 2:30 a.m. and, upon arrival, they discovered the fire appeared to have self-extinguished.

Crews searched the house and located two dogs that died during the fire.

No people were injured during the fire. The cause remains under investigation. METRO

Kudos. Calgary restaurant tops Reader's Digest list of Great Canadian Burgers

Made famous in a dark, dreary back alley, the burger created by Calgary restaurant Charcut has been named one of Canada's best recipes by Reader's Digest.

The Heritage Pork Burger, which was dreamed up by chefs Connie DeSousa and John Jackson, and is the basis of the Alley Burger food truck, will be featured in the June addition of Reader's Digest.

It has been selected as one of five top chef recipes under Great Canadian Burgers.

The recipe for the restaurant-quality burger includes buttered brioche bread and a fried egg on top of a 24-ounce patty.

All the ingredients for this local treat are revealed at readersdigest.ca.
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Quebec leaders debate crucial emergency bill

Restoring order. New legislation condemned by student leaders as politicians seek to curb violent demonstrations

Emergency legislation aimed at stamping out a turbulent student crisis in Quebec contains provisions for heavy fines for students and their federations.

An individual faces fines of between $1,000 and $5,000 for preventing someone from entering an educational institution.

The penalties climb to between $7,000 and $35,000 for a student leader and to between $25,000 and $125,000 for unions or student federations.

In all cases, the fines will double for repeat offenders.

Bill 78 also lays out strict regulations governing student demonstrations, including giving eight hours' notice for protest itineraries.

As details of the legislation emerged Thursday night, demonstrators took to the streets of Montreal for their daily protest against the Charest government's plan to hike tuition fees.

Some protesters tried to block access to both ends of a tunnel on a busy thoroughfare, forcing authorities to order them back onto a nearby street.

"We hold the conviction that this decision is important — not only for our young people, but for the future of the Quebec people," he told the legislature earlier on Thursday.

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"This decision is important — not only for our young people, but for the future of Quebec people."

Quebec Premier Jean Charest

Lithuanians rally in the rain

Protesters rally outside the Presidential Palace in Vilnius after riot police helped a mother regain custody of her 8-year-old daughter. The protesters tried to prevent the police from carrying out a five-month-old court order saying the mother should regain custody of her daughter. Many Lithuanians in the southern town of Garliava violently opposed the order because they allege the girl's mother, Laimute Stankunaite, is part of a pedophile ring. LIUSJENAS KULBIS /THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Windsor. Diamond swallower still in custody

Police in Windsor, Ont., say the story of a man who allegedly swallowed a $20,000 diamond is gaining international attention.

It's been nearly a week since Richard Mackenzie Matthews, 52, is alleged to have switched a diamond at Precision Jewellers and swallowed the real one.

Matthews has been held at police headquarters while they wait for the 1.7-carat stone to pass through his system. Sgt. Brett Corey says Matthews has gone to the washroom numerous times, but the diamond hasn't passed.

Corey says a recent X-ray showed a pair of fake diamonds, or cubic zirconiums, stuck in the man's intestines but because a diamond is translucent, it isn't visible. He says the suspect is eager to get the ordeal over with and is co-operating. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Miss Universe. Transgender contestant makes history

Jenna Talackova has become the first-ever transgendered contestant to compete at the Miss Universe Canada pageant.

The Vancouver beauty, who was born a man but underwent sex-change surgery four years ago, is among 62 contenders vying for the crown.

It all started last night with a swimwear and evening gown contest in front of a panel of 15 judges and a live audience in downtown Toronto.

The panel includes designers Colin McAllister and Justin Ryan of HGTV's Home Heist, The Kennedys actress Kristin Booth and singer Kreesha Turner.

The Miss Universe Canada winner will be crowned Saturday.

Talackova has drawn the bulk of media attention so far, attracting an entourage of reporters and photographers at various public events in recent days.

She's taken the scrutiny in stride, even lobbing a jab at pageant owner Donald Trump.

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Right-wingers take part in Greece's one-day assembly

Coalition talks collapse. Newly sworn-in Parliament to be dissolved Friday so an election can be called, expected for June 17

Greece on Thursday swore in 300 legislators for just one day before it dissolves Parliament and calls new elections.

Among those sworn in were 21 lawmakers from Golden Dawn — arguably the most far-right party to be involved in a European national legislature since Nazi-era Germany.

Formerly a shadowy fringe group, Golden Dawn vehemently rejects the neo-Nazi label, insisting it is a nationalist patriotic party, but its meteoric rise from a marginalized group a few years ago to one that won nearly seven per cent in recent elections has alarmed many.

In the traditional Parliamentary swearing-in ceremony, Golden Dawn legislators refused to stand as two Muslim deputies took their oaths on the Qur'an instead of the Bible.

"Beginning today Golden Dawn is officially in Parliament to speak the language of truth and to express all Greeks," said Ilias Kassidiaris, who was elected into Parliament and is also the party spokesman.

But the party, like all others, will be tested once more at the ballot box next month.

The May 6 election left no party with enough votes to form a government after Greeks, furious over the handling of the country's financial crisis, deserted the two formerly dominant parties, the socialists and conservatives.

They turned instead to smaller groups to the right and left.

Coalition talks collapsed after nine days, leaving no other option but a repeat election.

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21 Golden Dawn MPs

Golden Dawn campaigned on an anti-immigration platform, promising to expel all illegal immigrants and clean up crime-ridden neighbourhoods, while also delivering care packages of food and clothing to needy Greeks.

- They also advocated planting land mines along Greece's border with Turkey to stop illegal immigrants.

Olympic flame on the way

Britain's Princess Anne takes the torch with the Olympic flame from Spyros Kapralos, president of the Greek Olympic Committee, during a ceremony in Athens on Thursday. The torch has begun its 70-day journey to the London Olympics. THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tough talk on Europe

Committed and stable or who knows: Cameron

British PM David Cameron on Thursday urged Europe to sort out its currency crisis, calling on the 17 country eurozone "to make up or it is looking at a potential breakup."

"Either Europe has a committed, stable, successful eurozone with an effective firewall, well-capitalized and regulated banks, a system of fiscal-burden sharing, and supportive monetary policy across the eurozone, or we are in uncharted territory," said Cameron in Manchester.

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Ahmadinejad in London?

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Thursday that he is eager to attend the Olympic Games in London, but Britain doesn't want to host him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. grants visa to Mariela Castro

Academic argument. Uproar greets news of first daughter's upcoming trip to conference in States

Mariela Castro, daughter of Cuban President Raul Castro, seen here speaking at a Havana gay-rights parade on May 12.
JAVIER GALEANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cuban first daughter Mariela Castro has been granted a U.S. visa to attend events in San Francisco and New York, sparking a firestorm of criticism from Cuban-American politicians who called her an enemy of democracy and a shill for the Communist government her family has led for decades.

The trip, which kicks off next week when Castro is due to chair a panel on sexual diversity at a conference organized by the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), is among several to the United States by prominent Cubans, some with close links to the government. Cuban academics, scientists and economists now frequently attend seminars in the United States, and Cuban artists and entertainers are also finding it easier to visit the U.S. due to an easing of travel restrictions by President Barack Obama's administration.

Castro, 50, is a noted advocate of gay rights and head of Cuba's National Center for Sex Education. She has pushed for the island to legalize gay marriage for years, so far without success. She recently praised Obama's stance in support of same-sex marriage, and said her father, President Raul Castro, also favours such a measure, though he has not said so publicly.

It will not be Mariela Castro's first visit to the United States. She was granted a visa to attend an event in Los Angeles in 2002, during Republican President George W. Bush's administration, and also made stops in Virginia and Washington.

Carmelo Mesa-Lago, the dean of Cuba economy-watchers and an expert at the University of Pittsburgh, said Cuba has long had a large presence at the LASA conference, without sparking much protest. "Academic exchanges like these are not new, but what's different in this case is who she is," he said.

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Protesting the reopening of NATO's supply line

Pakistani protesters shout anti-American slogans at a rally to condemn the reopening of the NATO supply line to neighbouring Afghanistan, in Multan, Pakistan on Thursday. Pakistan's president announced that he will attend the upcoming NATO summit in Chicago, accepting an invitation that was given after the country indicated it plans to end its six-month blockade of supplies meant for coalition troops in Afghanistan.

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Solar spectacle. Rare 'ring of fire' eclipse spawns viewing parties in U.S. and Asia

Sunrises and sunsets will have a special ring to them in a few days for people in the western U.S. and eastern Asia: The moon will slide across the sun, blocking everything but a blazing halo of light.

It's been almost two decades since a "ring of fire" eclipse was visible in the continental U.S. To celebrate, nearly three dozen national parks will host viewing parties.

The solar spectacle is first seen in eastern Asia at dawn Monday, local time. Weather permitting, millions of early risers in southern China, northern Taiwan and southeast Japan will be able to catch the ring eclipse. Then it creeps across the Pacific with the western U.S. viewing the tail end.

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Fugitive

China sentences smuggler to life

The man once considered China's most-wanted fugitive was sentenced to life in prison Friday for running a large-scale smuggling operation that paid off scores of Chinese government officials, state media said.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported that Lai Changxing was convicted and sentenced Friday morning by the Intermediate People's Court in Xiamen, the port city that operated as his base. He had battled deportation from Canada for a decade, saying he risked torture or execution if returned.

Lai's smuggling operation reached to the highest levels of government, involving a deputy police minister and implicating a member of the Communist Party's decision-making Politburo. Lai's network smuggled everything from cigarettes to cars to oil.

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Ottawa

Supreme court won't kill appeal on life-support

The Supreme Court of Canada won't quash an appeal over the withdrawal of life-support from a comatose patient.

In a quick ruling Thursday on a motion to quash, the justices refused to throw out the case, saying it will get a full hearing later this year.

The case pits the family of Hassan Rasouli against his doctors over the question of when doctors can withdraw life support.

Rasouli had been diagnosed as being in a persistent vegetative state and his doctors wanted to pull the plug over the family's objections.

The doctors went to court to clarify who may make such a decision and when.

Recently, Rasouli has shown some signs of awareness and the family sought to quash the appeal as moot, but the justices rejected that.

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B.C. growers cool to arrival of genetically altered crops

The Arctic Apple. Skeptical Okanagan farmers fear their sales will go sour with non-browning variety of popular fruit

Orchardists in B.C.'s Okanagan region worry that the introduction of genetically modified trees could take a bite out of fruit sales.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is considering an application to allow a genetically modified variety of apple called the Arctic Apple.

Summerland orchardist Joe Sardinha is anxious about how consumers would perceive the product.

"I'm not concerned about the science behind it; I'm not a scientist. From my standpoint as a producer, I'm concerned that, with genetic modification, consumers could easily feel that their pristine apple suddenly has a component that they're not confident in."

The modified apple-tree strain has a trait that keeps the apples from browning. Sardinha believes this benefit is not significant enough for consumers in the Okanagan.

"There are plenty of ways to keep those apples fresh with some very simple natural-occurring things like citric acid. In this particular case, the trait is only the non-browning feature. We already have a naturally selected apple that has that," he said.

In response to NDP questions, B.C. Agriculture Minister Don McRae told the legislature on Tuesday that, to date, no applications for perennial crops with genetically modified genes have been approved in Canada.

Organic farmers are concerned they could lose their organic status if genes inadvertently transfer between crops. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Core concerns

"Whether it's apples, pears or peaches, genetic alteration threatens the industry."

Summerland orchardist Joe Sardinha on the introduction of genetically altered apples

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North Korea finally gets a real voice

Escape from tyranny. The few who have managed to get out of dictatorship are working hard to tell what it's like inside

Shin In Geun was born in a North Korean prison camp. Song Byeok served the regime as a propaganda artist. Both have fled — and are exposing North Korea's regime.

"We were beaten whenever the guards felt like it," Shin tells Metro. "I saw people beaten to death, starving to death and publicly executed."

Shin's torso is covered with scars from torture. His ankles bear scars from having been hung upside down. Part of his right middle finger is missing: prison guards cut it off as punishment.

"In the prison camp you can't trust anyone," he explains. "You have to be cruel to survive. If you report a fellow inmate to the guards, you get his food. And because you're always starved, of course you do."

Shin even saw his mother and brother executed after they tried to escape. He had denounced them.

Shin, now 29, is the only person born in a North Korean prison camp known to have escaped. Now he lives in California and South Korea, and is determined to tell the world about the immense cruelty of North Korea's Kim regime. "I don't know whether speaking out will change anything," he says. "But I can't do nothing."

Quote

"You have to be cruel to survive. If you report a fellow inmate to the guards, you get his food ration. And because you're always hungry, of course you do."

Shin In Geun
Former North Korean prisoner

His life has been chronicled in a new book Escape From Camp 14.

Song Byeok was one of the brutal regime's propaganda artists. "I didn't know the truth about North Korea being a closed society," he tells Metro. "I respected and admired the political leaders." But when mass starvation hit the country, Song discovered the true face of the regime.

"My father and I had to go to China to get rice because my family didn't have any food. My father drowned when we tried to cross the Temen river. I couldn't find his body and asked the North Korean border guards to help, but instead they arrested me and put me in prison."

Today Song is a fierce opponent of 29-year-old dictator Kim Jong Un, using his artistic skills to make posters mocking North Korea. "I want to tell people around the world how North Koreans live, and how different their lives are from what people in other countries take for granted," he explains. "I can't understand how North Korea can continue to survive."

In fact, the regime may not survive much longer. "News is increasingly leaking into the North through shortwave radio broadcasts and illegal international phone calls," explains Tim Peters, a Seoul-based pastor who helps North Koreans escape. "Coming from a society in which it is virtual suicide to speak out, brave defectors like Song and Shin do a great service to their countrymen.

And disenchantment with the third generation of leadership in North Korea is on the rise. Refugees tell us that most people are fed up, but they also know that voicing such dissatisfaction can mean long-term imprisonment, if not worse."

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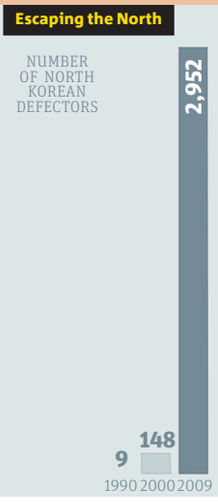
Escaping the North



Culture shock. Defectors must go to school to learn to adapt to South Korea

To date, some 25,000 North Koreans have fled to South Korea. "Upon arrival, all refugees have to undergo a rigorous interrogation process to determine if they're telling the truth," explains Tim Peters, who has helped numerous North Koreans escape.

Defectors are then brought to a "model town" where they learn the life skills necessary in a modern society: opening a bank account, living in an automated society — and they get their teeth fixed. To prevent kidnappings by North Korean security services, the centre is surrounded by barbed wire. "The defectors go from the Middle Ages to one of the most highly developed societies on Earth," observes Blaine Harden, author of Escape From Camp 14. But life in the South can be hard. "Defectors run into many 'glass ceilings' in the South," says Peters. "To avoid discrimination, many northerners move quickly to erase their heavy northern dialects."

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Once a North Korean propagandist, Song Byeock now uses his art to educate people about North Korea. CONTRIBUTED

Family business

Regime still in firm control

How has North Korea changed since the death of Kim Jong Il?

Kim Jong Un isn't relaxing control of society, but he's more accessible than his father was. He even gave a speech recently, while his father almost never spoke in public. In his speech, he highlighted the need for peace, but also said that national prestige was more important. And he promised that the regime would never again ask North Koreans to tighten their belts. The question is how he'll deliver on that promise. He has also been much more aggressive towards the South.

Is there any evidence that support of the regime is changing?

The only people who have access to information from the outside are the children of the elite in Pyongyang, who have things like DVDs from South Korea and can see that life is better there. And among this group there's a realization that business engagement with the outside world is necessary. But, unless the regime collapses, there's not going to be a mass exodus to the South.

Hope

"The children of the elite buy DVDs and see that life is better in the South."

Dr. John Swenson-Wright, Asia expert
Explaining how change will have to come to the North from within.

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President Barack Obama speaks during a Medal of Honor ceremony at the White House in Washington on Wednesday. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France's troop-pullout plan raises questions

Diplomatic finesse needed. New French leader Hollande faces anger from Obama, G-8, likely NATO over plans for Afghanistan

For President Barack Obama's relationship with France, it's out with "Sarkozy the American" and in with Francois Hollande the Socialist.

Freshly inaugurated, French President Hollande visits the White House on Friday and plans to announce a pullout of all French combat troops from Afghanistan by year's end. That could infuriate NATO allies and embarrass his re-election-minded host — and may well be logistically impossible.

Hollande, who has little international experience, will have to muster diplomatic finesse for the political thicket he faces in the United States.

First, he must defend France's interests while building a relationship with Obama, widely popular in France but seen by some in Hollande's camp as having been too friendly with his predecessor, conservative Nicolas Sarkozy.

Second, Hollande must convince partners at the Group of Eight economic summit at Obama's presidential retreat, Camp David, that his insistence on rethinking a European austerity treaty won't send the region deeper into debt crisis.

And third, Hollande must manage likely anger at a NATO summit in Chicago over his planned announcement to pull France's 3,300 troops out of Afghanistan two years ahead of schedule. Analysts say this could set a bad precedent for France's new commander in chief and raise questions about France's willingness to keep its commitments to the alliance.

Hollande was elected May 6 after voters ousted Sarkozy amid frustration over his handling of the economy. The Socialist party winner assumed France's presidency this week.

The contrast between the two men is striking. Sarkozy proudly bore the moniker "Sarko the American" for his U.S.-friendly attitude, bulked up France's presence in Afghanistan and NATO, took a major role in the NATO-led air campaign that helped topple Libya's Moammar Gadhafi and staked out what some analysts called an even harder line against Iran's nuclear program than Washington's.

Hollande will meet Obama for the first time on Friday before they head to the G-8 summit at Camp David. The subsequent, two-day NATO summit in Obama's home turf of Chicago has shaped up as Hollande's big showdown with the allies — and not just with the U.S.

As for Obama, he will be taking the measure of a leader whose campaign promises run counter to U.S. policy on both economic issues and Afghanistan. The White House has been stressing the areas of agreement and predicts Hollande will continue Sarkozy's strong alliance with the U.S. in imposing a tough line on Iran.

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In this 2010 photo, Robert Kennedy Jr. and his wife, Mary Richardson Kennedy, pose for a photo outside their Bedford, N.Y., home. The estranged wife of Kennedy Jr. was found dead at the family property on Wednesday, adding to the list of Kennedy family tragedies. MARK VERGARI/THE JOURNAL NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death adds to list of Kennedy misfortunes

N.Y. Person familiar with investigation says authorities have concluded that death of Mary Richardson Kennedy was a suicide

Every family has its share of pain and triumph. And then there are the Kennedys.

America's great political dynasty is grieving again after Mary Richardson Kennedy, the estranged wife of Robert Kennedy Jr., hanged herself Wednesday at the family's 10-acre estate in a New York City suburb.

Her death, at age 52, came as a shock to some friends and family, even though the past two years had been undeniably tough ones. The couple was going through a divorce, and Mary had been charged twice with driving while intoxicated in 2010.

But Victoria Michaelis, a friend since Mary's college days, said she hadn't seemed suicidal, or crippled by the alcohol problems that briefly landed her in the headlines two springs ago.

"She was definitely suffering, but she was very, very spiritual and a resolute Catholic," Michaelis said. "I'd say she was depressed the last two years since the divorce. But she would put that aside and ask you how you were. I saw her a couple of weeks ago, and she was fine."

Her death resonated, too, with a public that has watched tragedy march through the ranks of the Kennedy clan again and again.

"I think every family has its tragedies. But this is too much," said Kim O'Connell, who dropped off a bouquet of Calla lilies at the family's home in Bedford on Thursday morning. She had met Robert and Mary only a few times, while working at their health club, but felt a connection anyway. "I just thought she was just a lady. I woke up this morning, and I wanted to do something."

Political historian Thomas J. Whalen said he thinks the whole notion of the Kennedys being cursed is largely created by the media, but said that is the perception many Americans have of the family.

"There's no curse. It's just foiled family ambition, risk taking and bad luck," he said. "It's a large family. Things happen in large families, both good and bad."

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Vietnam. Bus falls into river, killing 34

A crowded bus plunged into a river bank in central Vietnam, killing 34 people and injuring 21 others in one of the country's deadliest road accidents.

Local official Tran Bao Que says the bus smashed through the rails of a bridge Thursday night and plunged into the bank of the Serepok River about 18 metres below. The bus was travelling on a regular 350-kilometre route from the central highland province of Dak Lak to the southern commercial hub of Ho Chi Minh City.

Y Bliu Arul, deputy director of the General Hospital in Dak Lak, says the two drivers of the bus were among the 32 people who died at the scene. Two others died at the hospital. Of the 21 injured, 16 were in serious condition.

Que said it took rescuers four hours to pull the bodies from the bus, part of which was submerged in the river.

"When the accident happened, everyone in the bus was sleeping," online newspaper Dan Tri quoted survivor Nguyen Van Khanh as saying. "I vaguely heard a noise like a gun fire and then people were screaming.... I managed to escape through a window."

Authorities are investigating the cause of the accident.

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Killer wins right to escorted leave

Vince Li is shown in a Portage La Prairie, Man., court in 2008.
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Vincent Li. Man who beheaded passenger on Greyhound bus permitted to leave grounds of hospital

A man who beheaded and cannibalized a fellow passenger on a Greyhound bus in Manitoba has won his bid to leave the grounds of the mental hospital where he is being kept.

A Criminal Code review board has ruled that Vince Li's treatment team may grant him short escorted trips into Selkirk.

The review board says the passes will start at 30 minutes and increase incrementally to a maximum of full days.

The board also says the passes should only be granted if Li's treatment team believes his condition is stable and that it would be "appropriate and safe for him to leave the locked ward."

Li will have to be escorted at all times by a staff member and a security officer.

"It's terrible. It's disgusting," Nadine McLean, the victim's stepmother, said Thursday after she learned about the decision.

"It's kind of a waste going to the review board every year when he's going to get whatever he asks for."

The passes can be issued starting May 24.

Li was found not criminally responsible for the July 2008 death of Tim McLean, a young carnival worker who was sitting next to Li on a bus near Portage la Prairie.

Li was initially confined to a locked wing of the Selkirk Mental Health Centre, but in 2010 was given the right to escorted walks on the hospital grounds.

Li's psychiatrist says the 44-year-old has responded well to treatment and asked the review board earlier this week to let Li take trips into town.

The Crown did not oppose the idea, but the victim's mother, Carol DeDelley, said Li should never be allowed out in public.

Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson said Thursday he has to respect the decision of the board. The mental hospital has been in the community for years and other patients who committed horrific acts have likely been walking around the city before.

"I just hope they've made the right decision," he said. "I have to worry about the safety of all the citizens in Selkirk."

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Retrofitted jumbo jet unveiled

Tour operator Transat AT says a $48-million retrofit of its largest jumbo jets will help to differentiate its consumer offering and preserve its market share in the face of increased capacity next winter from rival Sunwing.

Toronto-based Sunwing said this week it plans to increase its Quebec capacity by 30 per cent next winter by offering nearly 400,000 seats using 11 aircraft from Montreal, Quebec City, Bagotville, Sept-Iles and Val-d'Or. Air Transat's parent company is totally reconfiguring its 12 largest planes at $4 million a piece by the end of next year.

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Employment

Relocating EI recipients: Study

A new study from the Human Resources Department suggests Ottawa is looking at ways to get people receiving employment insurance to move to other regions with more jobs.

Such measures would go beyond the Harper government's new policy that appears to require that some EI recipients take unfilled jobs but only in their own region.

A focus group study, completed in January, asked 75 people on EI in Quebec and Atlantic Canada what it would take to get them to move to regions where there are more jobs available.

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Cross-border shopping's cost misunderstood?

Duty. Economist believes as many as 10% of transportable goods are bought Stateside

Cross-border shopping is costing the Canadian economy much more than believed and new rules raising duty-free limits will only make matters worse, says a new report by the Bank of Montreal.

The assessment of costs comes from the bank's deputy chief economist, Doug Porter, in his latest price-gap comparison between consumer goods in Canada and the United States. Porter said Thursday that although the price gap has narrowed to 14 per cent on average from the 20 per cent he found in last spring's survey, the cross-border shopping phenomenon appears to be intensifying. Next month will see the duty-free limit on stays longer than 24 hours rise to $200 from $50.

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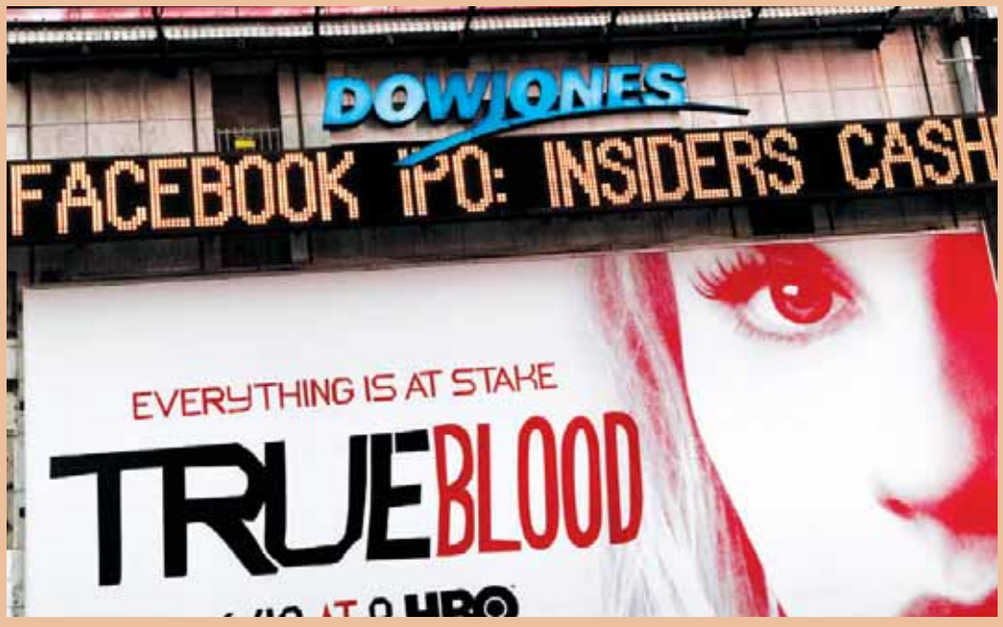
Canada-U.S. price gap

The new survey of consumer goods by the Bank of Montreal suggests the gap has narrowed, in part because this week the Canadian dollar has been trading slightly below par, while during last spring's survey the loonie was worth $1.02 US.

- Magazines were on average 17 per cent more expensive in Canada and running shoes as much as 37 per cent more.



Keeping an eye on the IPO

The news ticker in New York's Times Square carries a headline about Facebook's initial public offering (IPO). Facebook priced its IPO at $38 US per share on Thursday, which values the company at around $104 billion US, slightly more than Amazon.com, and well above well-known corporations such as Disney and Kraft. Facebook's stock is expected to begin trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market sometime Friday morning. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CP Rail searches for replacement CEO

The search for a new boss at Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. is underway after an activist hedge fund succeeded in its months-long battle to oust CEO Fred Green, a 34-year veteran of the iconic Canadian company.

Green, chairman John Cleghorn and four other directors conceded defeat to Pershing Square Capital Management just hours before a bitter proxy fight was to come to an end at CP's annual meeting.

The meeting lasted only a few minutes and saw none of the fireworks many had been expecting.

The newly-formed board — consisting of all seven nominees on Pershing Square's dissident slate and nine existing CP directors — met for the first time right after the annual meeting.

It announced later that railway veteran Stephen Tobias has been selected to serve as interim CEO while a just-formed committee hunts for a new head. Madeleine Paquin is to serve as acting chair.

"We are confident in the depth and breadth of this board and its ability to work with the management and all CP employees to serve our customers and communities. We are looking forward to working together to build value for our shareholders," Paquin said in a release. THE CANADIAN PRESS

John Cleghorn, chairman of the board at Canadian Pacific Railway. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Recycling. Save your butts, new program urges

Instead of tossing cigarette butts into landfills, a new recycling program will see the pervasive litter turned into something useful: industrial pallets and charitable donations.

"It's revolutionary," TerraCycle's communications manager Denise Barnard said about their new program. "It's the first in Canada."

TerraCycle is encouraging smokers, non-smokers, environmentalists and everyone else to mail in cigarette butts — one of the world's most abundant forms of garbage — along with cigarette foil and plastic packaging waste, so that they can be diverted out of landfills with their Cigarette Waste Brigade program.

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Bombardier. Q400 aircraft enters Polish market

Bombardier's Q400 NextGen aircraft has pierced the Polish market with the delivery of the first of eight turboprops ordered by carrier Eurolot.

The airline also holds options for an additional 12 of the planes.

The firm order contract is worth about $246 million US at list prices, but would increase to $625 million if all 20 planes are delivered.

Eurolot launched in 1997 and operates a fleet of 14 aircraft serving both domestic and international destinations. The Q400 will replace older 46- to 64-seat turboprops supplied by Bombardier rival ATR. Eurolot also operates three Embraer 175 jets, including two for the Polish government.

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TIME MAGAZINE MILKS IT FOR ALL IT'S WORTH

THE LIST
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It's time once again for the Metro List, the world's most reliable chronicle of the week's events. If it's not on the list, it hasn't happened.

1 **The day the disco died.** Donna Summer succumbs to cancer at 63. She worked hard for the money. Maybe too hard.

2 **Time Magazine gross-out.** This week's cover finds the line and stomps all over it. A three-year-old kid stands feeding at his mom's breast while they both look at the camera. Most of us have to live down cute naked baby pictures, but this kid? Cue the life-long therapy.

3 **Gay-positive president.** Barack Obama endorses gay marriage, which proves he's a liberal. Just see him try to deny it. Now that we've got that out of the way, he can finally go back to bailing out the Good Ship USA, which is almost underwater.

4 **Pepsi Challenge.** Pepsi is desperately clinging to the ledge, so it's reviving the Pepsi Challenge. My brown sugary fizzy water tastes better than your brown sugary fizzy water. And your point is?

5 **No bad jobs.** Announcing that there's no such thing as a bad job, federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has his let-them-eat-cake moment. Tell that to a guy who spent nine years in med school while squeezing the mop into the bucket. Better yet, give the bucket and the mop to Jim Flaherty.

6 **Greece vs. the students of Quebec.** Entitlement smackdown. You really can have it all, but only if someone else is willing to foot the bill. Evidence to the contrary, Greeks and students continue to believe in the sugar daddy.

7 **Ode to Rebekah Brooks.** Rupert Murdoch's former attack editor is charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice in the U.K. phone-hacking scandal. After years of ruining peoples' lives by exposing them to yellow journalism, she's getting a taste of her own medicine: the reporters are now hiding in her bushes. In the immortal words of Bob Dylan: How does it feel? How does it feel? To be on your own? Like a complete unknown?

8 **According to Forbes.** Jennifer Lopez is the world's most influential celebrity. You've come a long way from the block, Jenny. But, at 42, your bootylicious days are numbered, bolstered only by Botox. Maybe you could get a talk show, like No. 2 Oprah, whose influence is waning on her OWN. Of course, you're going to have to learn to speak in full sentences for that.

Cue the therapy for the kid star of Time's controversial cover. TIME/AP

Haircut to Buddhism

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Becoming a monk

Economy holds tradition back

Sri Lankan Buddhist monks prepare to shave the head of 12-year-old Pasindu, before ordaining him as a monk at a temple in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Thursday.

Buddhism is Sri Lanka's state religion, but the age-old tradition of youngsters being ordained is on the decline largely due to economic reasons.

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Pasindu carries a robe as he is ordained as a Buddhist monk on Thursday.
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Earlier this week

- His Holiness the Dalai Lama received the 2012 Templeton Prize, the international award that honours people who "affirm life's spiritual dimension" from the John Templeton Foundation on Monday.
- On Sunday, it was reported the Dalai Lama alleged Chinese agents trained Tibetan women to assassinate him by planting poison in their hair for him to touch during blessings.

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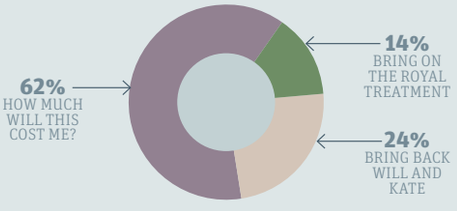

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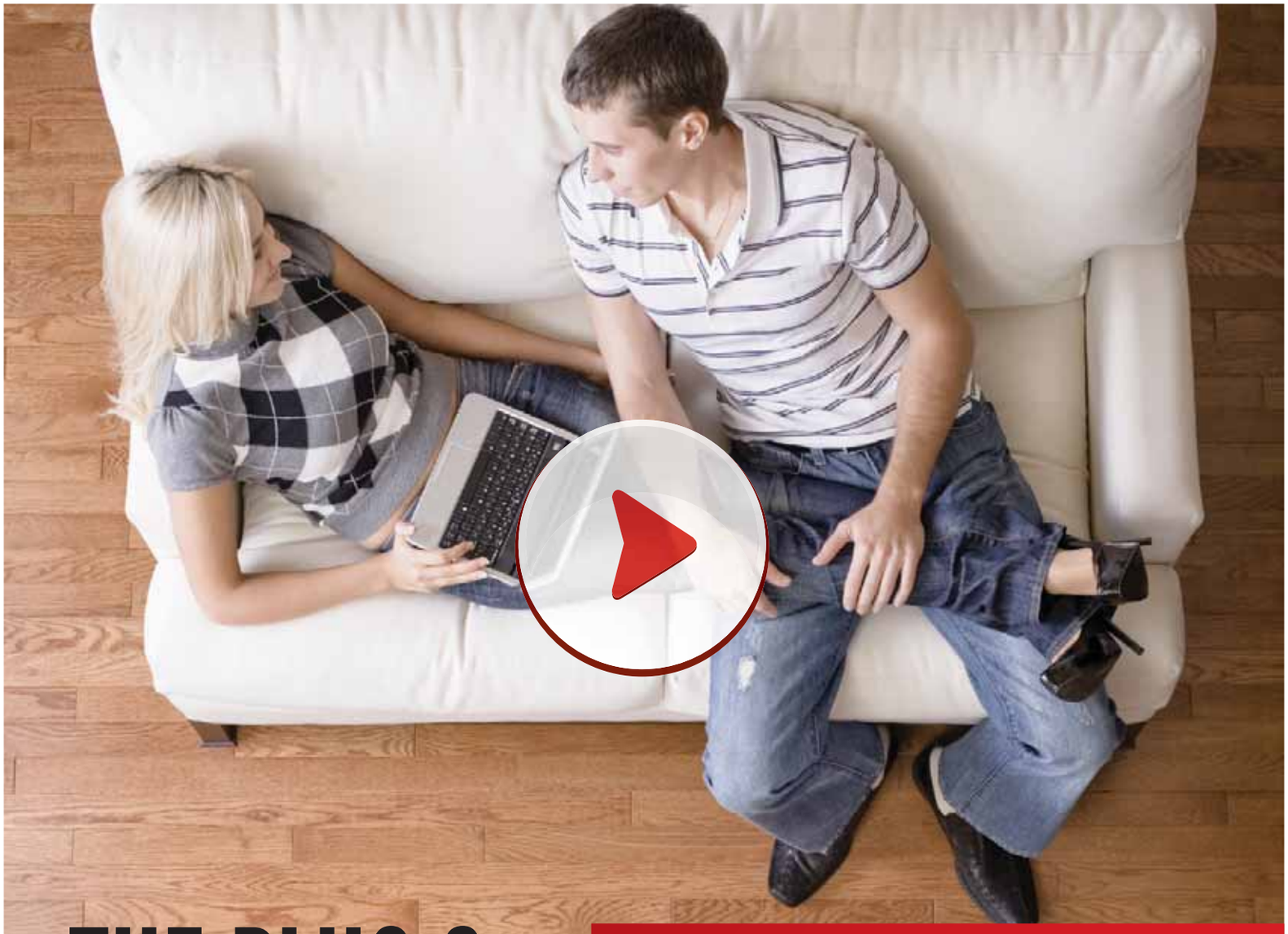

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Rihanna proves she should stick to singing in Battleship. HANDOUT

Reel Guys sink Battleship

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Shock and awful.

Vapid action movie proves board games should remain a cottage pastime

Richard: Mark, what's next, Jenga: This Time It's Personal? I wasn't sure how they could possibly turn a board game into a movie, and now that I've seen it I'm convinced that it can't be done — very well, at least. Two-plus hours of soulless claptrap and joyless cacophony of twisted metal, AC/DC songs and angry aliens does not a movie make. I'd like to suggest a new title, Shock and Awful.

Mark: Finally, a film for people who found Battle for Los Angeles too full of plot and character development. Rarely have I sat through such a numbing experience of every one of my senses. But if it's senseless action you're into, let me recommend you come to the movie 27 minutes late. All you'll miss is the idiotic backstory, moronic dialogue and cretinous acting that gets in the way of things that go boom.

RC: Couldn't agree more, although I think if you are going to see this movie, go for the whole thing. That way by the time the movie gets to the attack, you'll are so tired of the Hopper Brothers (Kitsch and Alexander Skarsgård), the stoic admiral (Liam "Paycheque" Neeson) and his daughter Sam (Brooklyn Decker) that you'll pray the aliens (big lizard-eyed creatures in Iron Man drag) will make short work of the bunch of them so you can leave the theatre and do something productive with your time. It'll give you a sense of purpose, which otherwise this movie doesn't have.

Synopsis

Based on the Hasbro board game Battleship, the movie begins when scientists discover a nearby planet with an atmosphere similar to Earth. When they make contact, instead of a 'hi-how-are-ya,' they are greeted with a full-on alien invasion. The only person standing between them is Lieutenant Alex Hopper (Taylor Kitsch), an undisciplined officer unwillingly thrust into power.

- Richard:
- Mark:

MB: And what is Liam Neeson doing in this movie? He has 18 bad lines and he delivers them with the enthusiasm of a man covering his gambling debts. Note to Liam: any time a movie is produced by Hasbro, it may not be a career move, sir. And I found it sadly funny that the point of the movie, which is to extol the virtues of the navy, is undercut by the ending which needs to bring in the Air Force to finish the job. Probably accurate, though.

RC: None of the actors shine. Taylor Kitsch blands it up and Rihanna continues the grand tradition of singers-turned-actors who should stick to music.

MB: The movie is one long action sequence, and the scenes are competently shot. But without characters to care about, and some level of professional dialogue, it was just Transformers meets Waterworld, and that's a combination that's — forgive me, Richard — all wet.

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Taylor Swift puts money to music

Taylor Swift has taught a generation of kids to appreciate country music over the last five years. Now, she's donating $4 million to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum to make sure that education continues. The gift is the largest given to the museum by an artist and is the second largest from an individual, officials said. It will fund the Taylor Swift Education Center, an exhibit and classroom space scheduled to open in 2014.

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CSI creator Zuiker turns to cybercrime, shooting online film in Hamilton

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Will Smith is back in his role as Agent J in Men in Black 3 HANDOUT

Men in Black the perfect comeback for Smith

Three-year hiatus. A-list actor took some advice from fellow stars and returned in a familiar, kid-friendly role to conquer the world again

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

It's been nearly four years since Will Smith has had a movie out — his last being the weepy dud Seven Pounds — so you'll understand if he wanted to ease his way back into things with something a bit familiar.

"I haven't worked in three years, so I wanted to put on some shoes that I knew fit," Smith says.

Hence Men in Black 3, reteaming Smith with Tommy Lee Jones as the black-suited, Ray-Bans-donning men of mystery keeping Earth safe from aliens its citizens aren't even aware of. This time, they toss in the element of time travel, with Josh Brolin stepping in as a younger version of Tommy Lee Jones. But era-jumping aside, it's still very much a Men in Black film, which is just what Smith wanted.

"It was very important for me, having been away that long, to come back in a way that I was comfortable and to come back with a project that was kid-friendly," Smith says.

Quoted

"At this point in my career, the material has to be right."
Actor Will Smith

"That was something Eddie Murphy said to me a few years ago. He said, 'Man, if you're lucky enough to be in this business, every 20 years you have to go back and get the kids.'

"I like the idea of maturing and then go back and drop something. What's great for me is the target audience is in my house." That wasn't the only piece of wisdom from his elders Smith has held on to, as it turns out. "I was in Australia in 1990 with Sly Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Bruce Willis and they were opening Planet Hollywood," Smith remembers.

"I go sit there with those guys, and Arnold says, 'Young man, I want you to know that you cannot be a movie star only in the United States. You're only a movie star if they know you around the world.' They put that idea into my mind and then from that point that's when I started to make it a point to open in new markets. We went into Russia with I, Robot. We went into Brazil.

"It used to be a time where you could just have hit movies in the U.S., but that's not the case. So, to me it's just about taking those laps around the world to maintain that."

So with that kind of global stardom in mind, does that mean Smith will be continue easing his way back into acting, possibly with a visit to another hit franchise like Bad Boys?

Co-star Martin Lawrence has certainly expressed interest. Smith, however, is not so sure. "I love making those movies. It's Miami, the tight T-shirt and fast cars," he says.

"But just at this point in my career, the material has to be right. I'm 43. I'm looking at maybe seven more years where I can run and jump, and then I'm going butt and gut for the rest of my career."

Tommy Lee Jones. Star talks about hitting props and boring press junkets

While Men in Black 3 star Tommy Lee Jones certainly isn't known for being terribly talkative, we did manage to get the Oscar-winner to open up on a few topics — including his relationship with Will Smith.

Tommy Lee Jones HANDOUT

How does the whole press junket process feel from your perspective?
It's essentially boring, but you find a way to enjoy it. You answer the same questions over and over and over again, all day long. And some of the questions are, frankly, uninteresting, but we're not here to entertain me. Please don't feel any pressure.

What makes a project worth doing for you?
There's several ways to define that. One is a good script, it has a good director, there are appealing actors attached to it, it's a good business deal or it's in a location that I'm pretty sure that my wife and my daughter would want to visit. All of those things are factors.

Will Smith describes chemistry with other actors as like playing tennis. Do you have your own sports metaphor for acting?
No. I don't have a metaphor. I don't even use the word chemistry. You relate as well as you can to other people, and you try to create circumstances in which your character relates appropriately to theirs. I've a good relationship with Will. He's a terrific guy to work with, and he's excellent company all the time.

There was a lot of talk about this film going into production while the script was still being worked out. How does that affect the filmmaking process?
Not greatly. A day of work is a day of work. Of course, it's more helpful if a script is complete. It's easier to determine what place and scene plays in the overall narrative. Obviously, that's always helpful.

We spoke with Rick Baker, who mentioned that often they have to make more than one of your props, as they tend to fall apart in your hands, is this true?
Oh. Barry Sonnenfeld (Men in Black 3 director) likes to make jokes about me breaking props all the time. I don't know what Rick has to do with props.

Rick also mentioned the little robot you used to beat up Wu in the restaurant scene.....
Oh, yeah. That thing may have gotten broken a time or two because it was used as a weapon to beat Wu up. So that's kind of hard on a puppet (laughs).
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Comedy

What to Expect When You're Expecting

Director. Kirk Jones

Stars. Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez

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The problem with big ensemble comedies that weave five stories within its frame is that no single tale ever gets involved enough for true engagement. In What to Expect, this quintuplet of couples struggle through all the clichéd contrivances of childbirth. As such, the comedy placates to the played-out parental mindset with predictable reassurance, making this one baby without any real teeth.

STEVE GOW

Thriller

Headhunters

Director. Morten Tyldum

Stars. Aksell Hennie, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau

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In Headhunters, a cocky recruitment consultant-by day / art thief by night thinks he has the perfect heist planned for an expensive Rubes portrait. That is, until he finds himself hunted by the painting's owner — a tracking expert with the technological slickness of a Bond villain. A furious pace, dark humour and a gripping performance from Norwegian star Aksell Hennie all compensate for the slightly too tidy conclusion.

STEVE GOW

Comedy

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Director. John Madden

Stars. Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Dev Patel, Maggie Smith

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Madden's elegant comedy is of the charming, gentle sort, following a handful of seniors that heads off to a tony hotel for the "Elderly & Beautiful" in India. Tony it's not, but there are life lessons to be had, fresh starts and sexual rebirths amidst the lively sensuality of India. Plucky pensioners face down mortality with humour, compassion and a vow to live life better lives minus hokey feel good artifice. The cast does the bittersweet subject justice.

ANNE BRODIE

Documentary

Payback

Director. Jennifer Baichwal

Stars. Margaret Atwood

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Based on Margaret Atwood's Massey Lecture series about debt, on paper Payback sounds like about as much fun as watching paint dry. But Manufactured Landscapes director Jennifer Baichwal is able to turn Atwood's words into a highly enjoyable set of present-day vignettes about debt as social phenomenon, be it monetary, legal, moral or even environmental. Baichwal and cinematographer partner Nick de Pencier dig up some fascinating subjects.

IAN GORMELY

Drama

Edwin Boyd: Citizen Gangster

Director. Nathan Morlando

Stars. Scott Speedman, Kelly Reilly, Kevin Durand

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The movie does a good job of showing how Boyd went from respectable veteran/bus driver/son of a cop to a fixture on the Canadian most wanted charts. It's not the romp Public Enemy was, instead it's a contemplative movie more about why Boyd (nicely played by Scott Speedman) robbed banks rather than about the robberies themselves.

RICHARD CROUSE

Quoted

"I took the time, with each scene, to work with the actors, giving them notes...When the camera was rolling, I was talking constantly. I never shut my mouth. It was pretty annoying to hear that in the editing and probably also for the actors."

Quebec filmmaker Xavier Dolan on executive producing, directing, screenwriting, editing and even costume designing for his new film, Laurence Anyways

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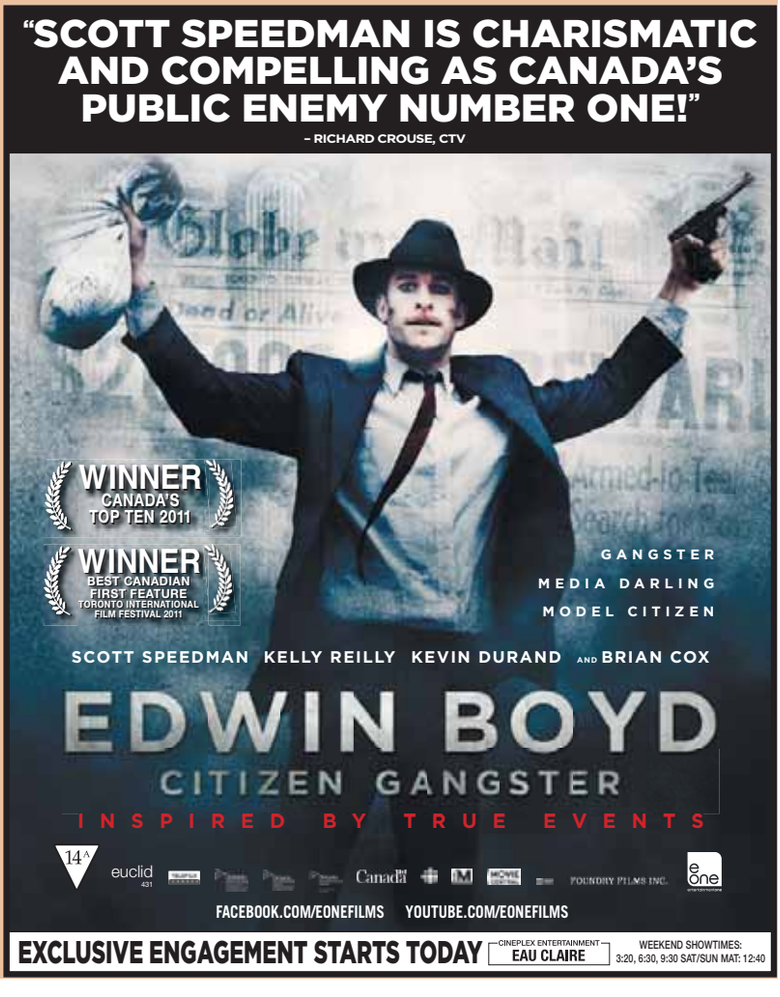
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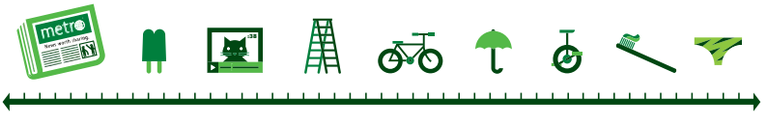

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Johnny Depp plays a vampire in Tim Burton's Dark Shadows. HANDOUT

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The Great Big Seachange

Music. Alan Doyle branches out with first solo album

After nearly 20 years fronting Great Big Sea, Doyle releases his solo debut this week with a disc that finds him exploring new musical territory. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alan Doyle remembers with uncommon clarity the first time he held a Great Big Sea album in his hands.

It was Aug. 2, 1993, and he was standing outside his rental house on Suez Street in St. John's, N.L. The Doyle family of musicians was, in his words, "legendary" in his hometown of Petty Harbour, but they tended to perform at weddings, parties and dances. They didn't have their own albums, and Doyle assumed it would never be his fate as well.

"I thought that only happened to people from the mainland," Doyle, 43, recalled. "It was the coolest day of my life."

It's roughly 19 years later and Great Big Sea has issued 11 albums since its blue-hued debut, so Doyle has rarely felt that same indescribable kick he had that day.

That was, until this week, when Doyle's solo debut, Boy on Bridge, hit stores.

When asked how he felt finally seeing his given name splashed across a record cover, the personable Doyle slid his iPhone from his pocket and proudly showed off a photo taken the first time he held the album in his hands. In it, he wears a goofy grin as wide as the Rock itself.

"Look at that — I got my own record," he marvels, sipping a coffee on a sunny Toronto patio. "I realize I should be above it. But I can't help it.

"It thrills me to the bone, still."

That was, in effect, the motivation behind Doyle's decision to issue his first solo record — the music-industry vet doesn't get the opportunity to do anything for the first time that often anymore.

"In many ways, this record is about firsts — it's about doing stuff that I've never done before," Doyle said.

"I really wanted to go live in other people's music worlds. Let's go do it someone else's way for a change."

Still in the fold

- Doyle said his solo excursion would have no impact on the future of Great Big Sea, which will celebrate its 20th anniversary next year.

And change was exactly what Doyle was after, recording the restlessly eclectic Boy on Bridge in a diverse range of locations.

He recorded at some traditional locales including the L.A. studio of Mike Post — the multiple Grammy and Emmy winner who composed the themes to Law & Order, The Rockford Files, L.A. Law and Hill Street Blues — as well as with Gordie Sampson in Nashville.

Doyle, who would seem to have as many connections as a discount intercontinental flight, also collaborated on the album with actor Russell Crowe, Blue Rodeo front man Jim Cuddy and Regina guitarist Colin James.

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Guitar God

Slash's new album comes out Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Snakes, Canadians, Apocalyptic Love: 10 things about Slash

SOUND CHECK
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At 46, the man across from me still looks like a member of The Most Dangerous Band in the World as Guns N' Roses was hyped back in 1987. But things are much more sensible now. Slash has long since sobered up, cleaned up and smartened up because dying like a junkie didn't seem like something he'd fancy.

With a new record, Apocalyptic Love, coming out next week, here are 10 things you should know about rock's Top-Hatted One and his latest project.

1. Don't call this a solo album. The correct and full artist designation is Slash featuring Myles Kennedy and The Conspirators. Slash: "They're so amazing. I had to give credit where credit is due."

2. Slash holds the band in such regard that his pet name for them is The Godsend.

3. Myles Kennedy is technically on loan from his day job in the post-Creed band, Alter Bridge.

4. The Conspirators features two Canadians: bassist Todd Kerns (remember Age of Electric?) and drummer Brent Fitz.

5. Slash also praises Kerns as a singer. He does a lot of vocal work with singer Myles Kennedy on this album.

6. Listen to Fitz's playing on the record. Slash: "He's one of those drummers who plays just behind the beat. He's phenomenal."

7. Slash is also a big fan of Ian Thornley. As Big Wreck was being resurrected, Slash was talking him up about possibly being the new voice of Velvet Revolver. The deal-breaker was that Ian really wanted to play guitar, too.

8. Sam, Slash's gigantic anaconda, helped pick the running order of Apocalyptic Love. "Sam lives in (my) gym. Early on, I was listening to the new sequence (of songs) record in the gym and he didn't move. Then the next time I played it (this time with the new sequence), it was the first time I'd seen him move in a month. So I guess that either he digs it or he was trying to get away."

9. Slash recently lived a dream by being a guest on the British version of Top Gear. Slash: "The Stig was OK, but he couldn't understand why the right-hand drive and left-hand stick might be an issue."

10. Slash's daily drive around L.A. is in an Aston-Martin Vantage. With a V-12, of course. I wonder if his hat ever blows off.

Apocalyptic Love will be available Tuesday.

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Indie rock. Strange Boys are afoot and they Live Music

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Metro Boston

Every time you read about a band sounding like another band, chances are that the so-called derivative band doesn't even listen to the act to which they're being compared. Such is the case with the Austin, Texas-based garage revivalists The Strange Boys, whose singer Ryan Sambol has ceaselessly been compared to Tom Petty.

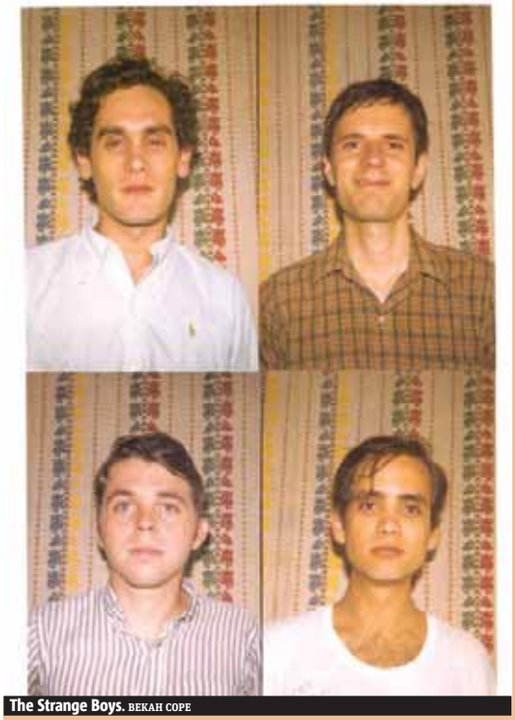
"We've never really listened to him," says Sambol. "Maybe it's a Dylan thing. Both Tom and I trying a Bob job."

Sambol's in-person demeanor is one of quiet confidence and charm, but when it comes to playing live, he and his bandmates, who include his brother Phil on bass, Greg Enlow on guitar and Mike La Franchi on drums, tear it up.

The latest Strange Boys album is called Live Music — which is not to say it was recorded in concert, but that it rhymes with "give music," an appropriate code for the band and the exchange they have with their audience.

"If we're playing well and looking like we're having fun, people usually loosen up and start to move around," says Sambol.

Crowds move around quite a bit at Strange Boys shows — certainly more than at a typical indie-rock show. Which cities get moving? "Madrid dances, Paris moves, Fort Wayne Indiana gets way down," Sambol points out.



The Strange Boys. BEKAH COPE

Far East Movement 'back in the zone'

Bringing beats.
Electro hip-hop group delivers more club music with Dirty Bass

Far East Movement, clockwise from top left, Prohgress, J-Splif, DJ Virman and Kev Nish. The group's latest album, Dirty Bass, is set for release on June 5. JEFF CHRISTENSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Far East Movement has provided a thumping soundtrack to clubs around the world, so it seems appropriate that the group prepared for their latest album by doing essential research — a week of clubbing in Las Vegas.

"We said: 'We've been touring so much, we need to get back and just wild out; remember what it's like to be like party animals for a little bit and just not care,'" said frontman Kev Nish (real name Kevin Nishimura).

"So we literally spent a week in Vegas — partied every night and went to the studio that night and just wrote songs."

Though in the morning, the question was, "What did I write?" Nish quipped, before turning serious. "That's how some of our favourite work was written and it really helped us to get back in the zone."

The result is Dirty Bass, a collection designed to advance the four-man group's poppy mash-up of whooshing electro club beats, melodic hooks and exuberant hip-hop. Set for release June 5, it features Justin Bieber on the first single, Live My Life, plus rappers Flo Rida, Pitbull and Tyga among others.

When the group was first signed, label executives said their songs — including the Billboard chart-topper Like A G6 — weren't like anything else on the radio. Two years later, dance music is everywhere, and they've toured with some of the biggest names in pop — Rihanna, LMFAO, Lil' Wayne and Lady Gaga.

For their new album, Nish said the goal was to get "a familiar sound" with "unfamiliar variables." The result is catchy, agreeable and seemingly simple, fitting the group's veneer of good-time raps, anything-goes attitude and party-ready style.

The group got its beginnings in high school. Nish and lunch-table friends Prohgress (James Roh) and J-Splif (Jae Choung) — now in their late 20s — called themselves MCs Anonymous and patterned themselves after both the Beastie Boys and Linkin Park, posting songs on online discussion boards.

Nish installed car stereos and interned for Interscope Records, working for the same publicist who now promotes the group. With their eyes on bigger things, in 2006 the trio zeroed in on DJ Virman of the popular Los Angeles-area radio station Power 106, inviting him to a rehearsal.

"Even if you guys aren't that great, in your faces you feel like you are," Virman (Virman Coquia) told them, according to Nish. He joined up as the fourth group member, and his connections, helped them get their first radio airplay on Power.

"L.A. is such a melting pot of ethnicity. That pop-electronica and the culture they represent, it set them apart from everyone else out there making pop," said Jimmy Steal, vice-president of programming for Emmis Communications, which runs Power 106.

What culture is that, exactly? They're among the few successful Asian-American artists in pop and hip-hop and have hosted annual music workshops for youngsters in their community.

But Nish says that while group members have experienced some stereotyping based on how they look, they identify primarily "with being L.A. kids. We go to Asia and we're definitely not Asian."

"My grandparents grew up here, my great-grandparents live out here," he said. "My mom cooks tacos every Friday, spaghetti every Thursday." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tour

- The group goes back on the road May 22.

David Chilton is a bestselling author, investor and TV personality. CBC HANDOUT

THE WEALTHY BARBER

David Chilton is the latest powerhouse to join CBC's Dragon's Den
The seventh season of the show airs this fall on CBC Wednesdays and Sundays

ENTER A NEW DRAGON

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Bestselling personal finance author David Chilton is the newest member of CBC's hit series Dragon's Den, which just wrapped shooting its seventh season.

Metro sat down with him this week in Vancouver to talk about life on the show and his timeless tips for financial success.

His 1989 book, The Wealthy Barber, is Canada's all-time bestseller, having sold more than two million copies. This interview was edited and condensed for space.

How was your first season with the Dragons?
I don't have any negative comments. Everybody wants me to say, 'This went wrong,' or 'this wasn't something to my liking,' but it wasn't that way at all. The Dragons were great to deal with, the behind-the-scenes staff was a lot of fun and it was an all-positive experience.

The claws come out

"It's amazing how passionate you get, and how competitive you get in that environment."
David Chilton
On his first season on Dragon's Den

What was the argument about?
I was mad at Kevin for the way he was treating someone. That must come as a shock. And I'm not sure why I got mad at Arlene. The funny thing is, she was right in the argument. I went home that night and I was thinking it through and I thought, 'Oh, she was definitely right there,' but at the time of course I didn't concede that. It was only later when I realized I was in the wrong.

Did you butt heads with any of them?
Yes, and you know what's really interesting? I got in a fairly significant argument during my second pitch, with both Kevin (O'Leary) and Arlene (Dickinson), and it's not like me. I'm a very low-key guy. I'm not a conflict-oriented guy. It's amazing how passionate you get, and how competitive you get in that environment.

What kind of products or enterprises are you most likely to invest in?
I think I gravitated more toward the people than the product. I went for some low-tech ideas. I'm not very knowledgeable in the digital space, and I certainly can't compete with (Internet mogul) Bruce Croxon, so if there's a great idea, they're going to gravitate to him and he's going to gravitate to them, so I went for a lot of low-tech ideas. I'm more about the person.

Rick Mercer prefers ordinary Canadians to politicians

Power to the people.
The Rick Mercer Report turns 10 —and the host says it's more and more about having fun with regular folks

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Gone are the days when Rick Mercer convinced high-profile politicians to submit to his quirky shtick. He says politicians are too boring and too scripted.

"I got naked with Bob Rae, and I went shopping for plastic with Paul Martin, and Gordon Campbell I had on the show many times before when he was premier, but we've moved away from that format a little bit," he said earlier this week during a junket in Vancouver introducing CBC's condensed fall-winter season.

These days the famous comedian and political satirist is much more interested in talking to ordinary Canadians.

"I think we're going to stay with the same mission, which is every week getting out to a different part of the country and exploring it and showing it off to the rest of the country and having fun," he said of his decade-old Rick Mercer Report.

He seeks out the disenfranchised, the far-flung, even children, as he recently demonstrated with touching segments on Spread the Net, a competition between Canadian schools raising money to buy mosquito nets for malaria-prone regions of the world.

The CBC is still ironing out how to deal with the 10 per cent funding cut delivered in the federal budget in March.

The result was 650 jobs lost, including 475 this year. And, starting soon, CBC Radio will no longer be ad-free.

The public broadcaster is delivering four new shows this fall, but repeating many shows in prime time to fill the gaps left by 175 hours of original programming that won't be renewed.

As an independent producer contracted by the CBC, Mercer admitted he's biased, but said all entertainment aside, he still considers the CBC one of the best news organizations in the world.

"I think beating up the CBC is something that certain segments of society like to do, or certain interest groups like to do, and they never really tell the story," he said.

Rick Mercer comes to SFU to announce the winner of the Spread the Net student challenge in 2010. METRO/SFU VIA FLICKR

"I mean, the CBC has a full, Canadian prime-time schedule, and you can't compare them to networks that don't have a single thing in prime time that's Canadian. You just can't. It's apples and oranges."

The Rick Mercer Report returns to CBC for its 10th season Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in September.

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Author spills on his relationship foibles

I Suck at Girls. Hilarious and heartbreaking memoir about Justin Halpern's romantic screw-ups

Justin Halpern has become an international phenomenon thanks to the curse-laden advice of his father. Unemployed and living with his parents in his late 20s, Halpern began the now legendary Twitter account S– My Dad Says, which turned into a book, which turned into a TV show (since cancelled).

But Halpern is bouncing back with an alternately hilarious and heartbreaking memoir of all of the times he screwed up in romantic relationships, fittingly titled I Suck at Girls. We asked him to recount some of those cringe-worthy moments.

This book deals with some of the most embarrassing moments you've had in dating. Which one was the most traumatic for you?

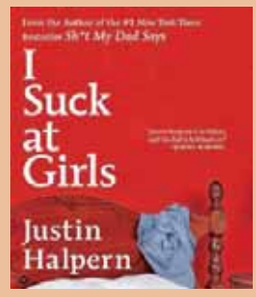
I think — probably as silly as this sounds — after I lost my virginity. I thought it was going to be this seminal point in my life where I was going to become a man, and it just ended so anticlimactically ...

I was 20 years old and I wanted to have a relationship that was really cool — the kind you see on TV. I feel like there's a lot of different media out there that talks about "with each relationship you learn something and you move on," and all this kind of stuff.

I look at love as this kind of series of really humiliating experiences that end in pain and then hopefully at the end, you have one victory.

Given that your dad was largely responsible for your first success, did you hesitate to include him in the stories, as you did here?

He's such a big part of my life that if he was prominent in the story, then I was going to put him in it. And he also is much more adept at framing things in a way that I never could. He has this very unique and interesting way of dishing out advice, even if he hates it when I call it that.



What's next for you?

We've sold this book as a show — we wanted to do a Wonder Years-type thing set in the early '90s that was a little bit more focused on these 13- and 14-year-old kids learning about women. The early '90s were the last innocent moments this country really had. You can just Google and find porn anywhere now, but back in the day, there was still mystery left, even speaking about women anatomically. I didn't know how they worked.

METRO NEW YORK

Freeze yourself like Han Solo

Stuck on Star Wars. Get your own carbonite figurine during your Florida vacation this summer

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News

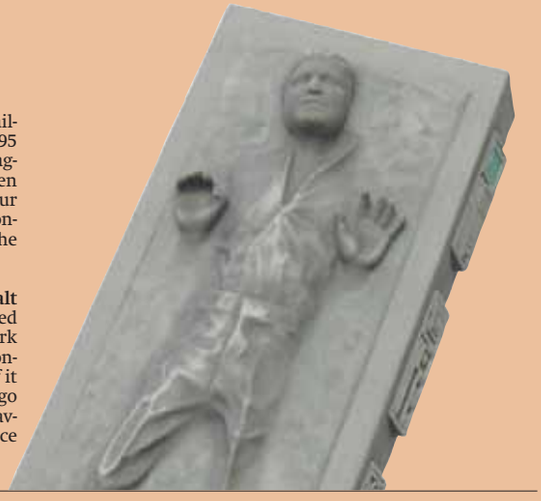
Have you ever imagined what it would be like to be encased in carbonite just like Han Solo? Here's your chance. Disney's Hollywood Studios is offering fans the opportunity with the Carbon-Freeze Me promotion at their Orlando, Fla., location during their Star Wars weekends. Here's the lowdown on the experience.

It's painless: Although you have to enter a Carbon-Freezing Chamber, you won't have to worry about pain. Several cameras capture multiple angles of your face, which then is transferred to a computer. The computer helps make a 3D model of your face, which is then put on the figurine.

You won't have to wait around: The figurines will be sent to your home in about four weeks, so if you don't live around the area, you won't have to be around to pick it up. However, for now, they're only offering the experience from May 18 until June 16, so book your slot before you go by calling 407-WDW-TECH (407-939-8324).

It won't set you back that much: Each carbonite figurine is $99.95 plus shipping, with additional copies available for purchase for $74.95 each. But, think of the bragging rights you'll have when your friends walk into your home and see your carbonite figurine mounted on the wall.

It's an excuse to go to Walt Disney World: You'll need a ticket to get into the park to participate in the Carbon-Freeze Me project. Think of it as a ready-made excuse to go to Disney World without having to bribe a kid to convince your family to go.



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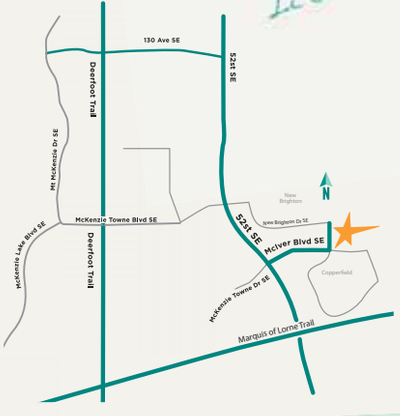

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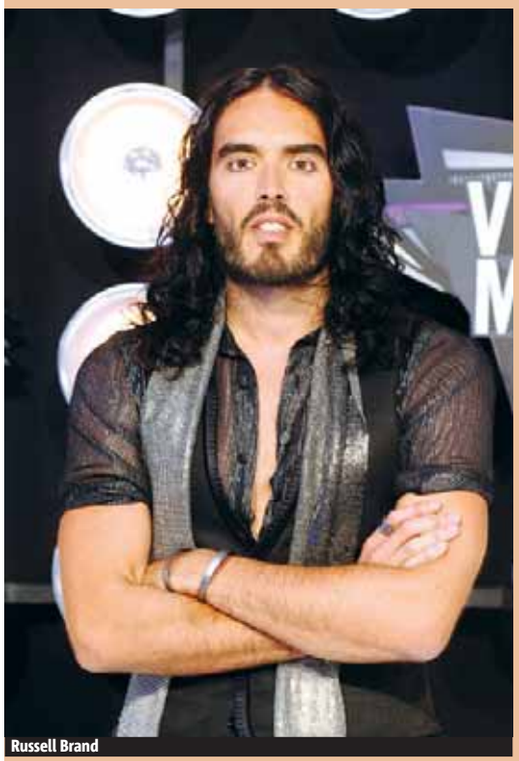

Russell Brand

Russell Brand opens up about ex-wife Katy Perry

When it comes to Russell Brand's marriage to Katy Perry — which he ended suddenly after 14 months — there are no hard feelings, at least as far as Brand is concerned. "I was very happy to be married with her. She's such a beautiful human being and I just have only love and positivity for her," Brand tells Ellen DeGeneres in an interview. "But, sometimes when you're in a relationship I suppose it doesn't work out, does it? But that doesn't mean I regret it or anything."

Quoted

"She's such a beautiful human being and I just have only love and positivity for her."
Russell Brand

Jennifer Lopez says goodbye to American Idol

Jennifer Lopez is stepping down as a judge on American Idol, leaving the reality show that helped revitalize her career, according to E! News. "There is just too much going on for her right now," a source says of the singer, who is embarking on a summer tour that conflicts with the show's taping schedule. Lopez is also working on a new album and has more film projects on the horizon. "She regrets she can't stay on the show," the source adds.

Jennifer Lopez ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

The Word

Channing Tatum takes it off again

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Before his impossibly square jaw and superhero-grade shoulders were landing him movie roles, Channing Tatum was a stripper — not that he's shy about it.

His new film, Magic Mike, is loosely based on his former gig, and he wants everyone to see it, not just those who would have killed to play his little spoon in The Vow.

"With Joe Manganiello naked in a movie, I think even straight guys are going to be, 'S—t, I need to see that,'" the actor tells OUT's June/July issue of his costar. "That man is a specimen." (Go ahead — this one is worth the Google break.)

But while he's never tried to hide the fact that he was an exotic dancer, Tatum admits he prefers his new job to stripteasing. "You are on a stage with people yelling at you, and you feel you're a rock star, but you're nothing — you're just a guy taking off his clothes, looking like a fool in a stupid outfit."

We would point out that he essentially did the same exact thing in "Dear John," but there was than scene where he squinted in a field for awhile.

Travolta fiasco continues to unfold

The first unidentified man to accuse John Travolta of sexual assault — who parted ways with his lawyer after his case seemed to unravel — has hired Gloria Allred as his new attorney, according to People magazine. "I represent John Doe Number One," Gloria Allred tells the magazine. "Mr. Doe's lawsuit was dismissed without prejudice which means that he is still legally entitled to file another lawsuit against John Travolta if he chooses. We are in the process of conferring with him regarding the next steps, which he may wish to take."

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Can you top this?

As pancake toppings go, maple syrup is swell and certainly traditional, if not particularly inspired. This long weekend, take time out to add new life to your pancakes with these creative alternatives.

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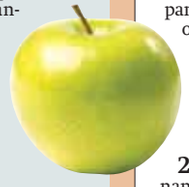
Apples

1. Sauté apple slices with butter and sugar, then spoon them over the pancakes. Sprinkle with toasted pecans, then drizzle with dulce de leche. **(FROM DAISY MARTINEZ, AUTHOR OF DAISY: MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT)**

2. Simmer chunks of peeled apple in brandy until very tender, then spoon over the pancakes. Top with sour cream or creme fraiche spiked with ground cardamom, nutmeg or cinnamon. **(FROM SARA KATE GILLINGHAM-RYAN, FOUNDING EDITOR OF THE WEBSITE APARTMENT THERAPY: THE KITCHN)**



Bananas

1. Make banana syrup by slicing and microwaving an overripe (black) banana until very soft and syrupy. Spoon over pancakes with a dollop of Greek-style yogurt, toasted pecans and a dash of cinnamon. **(FROM LOURDES CASTRO, AUTHOR OF SIMPLY MEXICAN)**

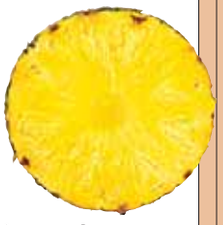
2. Sauté sliced bananas in butter with a sprinkle of brown sugar. Cook until the bananas are lightly caramelized. **(FROM DORIE GREENSPAN, AUTHOR OF AROUND MY FRENCH TABLE)**

Blueberries

1. Heat lemon curd, then drizzle it over pancakes and sprinkle with fresh blueberries. **(FROM KAREN DEMASCO, PASTRY CHEF AT LOCANDA VERDE RESTAURANT IN NEW YORK)**

2. As soon as you pour the pancake batter into the pan, top it with granola and fresh blueberries, then continue cooking as normal. **(FROM BARB STUCKEY, AUTHOR OF TASTE WHAT YOU'RE MISSING)**

3. Warm fresh blueberries or blackberries in several tablespoons of fruit syrup (such as passion fruit). Season with pinches of ground cardamom, then mix in a small handful of fresh mint leaves. **(FROM LISA YOCKELSON, AUTHOR OF BAKING STYLE: ART, CRAFT, RECIPES)**



Pineapple

1. Sauté fresh pineapple cubes in brown sugar, then deglaze the pan with a bit of coconut milk and reduce until it has a syrup-like consistency. Pour over the pancakes and top with whipped cream and toasted coconut flakes. **(FROM ROGER STETTLER, EXECUTIVE CHEF FOR THE FOUR SEASONS RESORT MAUI)**

2. Sauté sliced pears and pineapple chunks until soft. Add a squeeze or two of lemon juice, some sugar and vanilla extract. **(FROM SARABETH LEVINE OF SARABETH'S KITCHEN RESTAURANTS IN NEW YORK)**

Liquid Assets

Marry Spanish wines & BBQ

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How old do I have to be before I can feel comfortable hiring someone to mow my lawn without thinking I've got one foot in the grave?

While many of you will be opening your cottages or spending Victoria Day chilling out, I'll be performing my yearly ritual of trying to get my mower to start.

Thankfully, my barbecue works just fine so I can look forward to a feast of grilled goodness once my yelling in the garage subsides.

Whether it's a burger, steak, kabob or simple hunk of beef, odds are there will be a whole lot of red meat served this weekend.

Though difficult-to-pronounce names and dull labels haven't helped Spain's liquid popularity in Canada, there isn't a better red-producing nation making wine to pair with barbecued meats.

Bodegas Principe de Viana's 2008 Red Guitar Old Vine Tempranillo Garnacha ($12.99 to $14.99) combines Spain's two most popular grapes and wraps them in a modern Salvador Dali-esque package.

Ripe and balanced with a touch of rustic cherry/berry charm, this is one guitar that plays all the right chords. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

3 LIFE

Superfood

Plum perfect

Plums have been hailed as the new superfood stars, overtaking berries with their astonishing array of health benefits. They contain high levels of vitamin C, ensuring a healthy immune system and their skin is a mine of antioxidants, the molecules that can help slow down or prevent the production of free radicals. Plums are fat-free and low in calories, help to promote a healthy digestive track and the absorption of iron. Their consumption has also been liked to the lowered risk of macular degeneration, age-related vision loss.

METRO WORLD NEWS

On the web

Mario Batali and family take the food stamp challenge to protest cuts for poor Americans

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Music for video-game lovers

We all remember our favourite video games from years past. This Friday and Saturday the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra brings you Play! A Video Game Symphony. This surround-sound concert features blockbuster video games like Halo, World of Warcraft, Super Mario Bros, and The Legend of Zelda. 205 8 Ave. SE.
cpo-live.com/main/event_detail.php?event_id=561

Calgary Vegfest

For the non-carnivorous appetites, on Saturday you can indulge in scrumptious, healthy vegetarian fare at Calgary Vegfest at the Inglewood Community Centre.
Throughout the evening, there will be all sorts of delicious vegetarian and vegan dishes to try. Get your green on — you'll never feel better.
1740 24 Ave. SE.
calgaryvegfest.com

Shakeout Festival

Get ready to shimmy and shake this weekend at the second annual Shakeout Festival, which runs through Sunday.
In partnership with Sled Island, Broken City, the Palomino, Ship & Anchor, Drum & Monkey, Vicious Circle, Tubby Dog and Sloth, this is the biggest rock-and-roll bash for the May long weekend, with over 30 bands spread across 7 venues.
facebook.com/events/214044468705979

Cats, The Musical

Come and catch these purr-fectly enchanting musical Cats. This first made-in-Alberta production has its last two showings on Friday and Saturday at Theatre Calgary (220 - 9th Ave. S.E.).
Join Grizabella, Old Deuteronomy, Mister Mistoffelees and the rest of the Jellicle Cats as they gather under a full moon to discover who will be chosen to ascend to the Heaviside Layer.
theatrecalgary.com/plays/cats/more_info

Just Opened: Jamesons Pub

Welcome a new Irish pub that's sure to bring together young professionals across the city.
Jamesons on 17 Ave (1230 17th Ave. S.W.) opened this week with YPs flocking, just the sort of scene you will find at all of their other locations. Of course, it is easy to see why, with a large menu selection, over 22 beers on tap, and regular live entertainment.
jamesonspubs.com/17thavenue/home

A glass of wine with your burger?

This is not your traditional burger joint. Located at 606 1 St S.W., Black Betty Burger and Winebar provides a casual yet upscale dining and entertainment experience (think France meets Hollywood) showcasing a unique contemporary menu with a substantial beer, wine and cocktail list and amazing live entertainment. This is a classic-rock haven and wine cellar all in one.
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NBA

Heat humbled in Indianapolis

Roy Hibbert had 19 points and 18 rebounds, George Hill scored 20 and Danny Granger 17 as the Indiana Pacers, showing more balance, toughness and togetherness than Miami, throttled the Heat 94-75 on Thursday night in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

LeBron James scored 22 — 16 in the first half before wearing down — and Mario Chalmers added 25 for Miami. However, Dwyane Wade scored only five on 2-of-13 shooting for the Heat, already missing forward Chris Bosh because of a strained abdominal muscle and not expected to return for this series.

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The Heat's LeBron James is swarmed by a pair of Pacers on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Spurs gain 2-0 edge with 16th-straight win

Tony Parker scored 22 points on his 30th birthday, Tim Duncan had 18 and the San Antonio Spurs beat the fading Los Angeles Clippers 105-88 on Thursday night, pushing their winning streak to 16 and taking a 2-0 lead in their Western Conference semifinal series.

Game 3 is Saturday night in Los Angeles.

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Coyotes can't slow down Kings' race to cup final

Kings defenceman Drew Doughty knocks over Phoenix captain Shane Doan in Los Angeles on Thursday night. Dwight King scored the winning goal in the third period, Jonathan Quick made 18 saves and the Kings rolled to the brink of the Stanley Cup final with a 2-1 victory over the Coyotes. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

No happy ending for Canada in Helsinki

IIHF. Sloppy stretch of play costs Canada a medal at hockey worlds

Seven error-filled minutes.

"That's what cost Canada a shot at glory in this year's IIHF world hockey championship.

But those seven minutes against Slovakia on Thursday essentially encapsulate a stretch of Canadian hockey disappointment that has followed Sidney Crosby's golden goal at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

Two bad penalties. Key players caught out of position on a back-breaking goal. The inability to protect a lead.

These types of mistakes seem to have plagued Canadian players recently, and on Thursday, they came against a "far inferior" opponent, as general manager Kevin Lowe described Slovakia following a shocking 4-3 quarter-final loss.

"They had no business being in the game," Lowe said of the Slovaks.

Yet there they were with time ticking down. Slovakia was aware of the situation and played the role of spoiler perfectly, patiently hoping for Canada to slip up.

What happened next was nothing short of a meltdown.

First, captain Ryan Getzlaf's line with Corey Perry and Evander Kane got caught up ice when Milan Bartovic raced in and tied the game with a rebound off the rush at 13:25. Then, Ryan Nugent-Hopkins was assessed a boarding penalty. Just as Canada killed that one off, Getzlaf was given a kneeing major for an open-ice hit on Juraj Mikus at 17:28.

Four seconds later, Michal Handzus tipped home the winning goal.

"You're going with a lead in the third (period), you're up 3-2, that's got to be your bread and butter," said Canadian coach Brent Sutter. "Games are tight and you've got to be able to close the deal on them.

"We probably beat ourselves in the last seven minutes of the game with things we talked about all tournament not wanting to do."

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Quoted

"It's a sick way to lose. It sucks when you're in a hard-fought game like that and it comes down to that kind of play.... Tough pill to swallow right now."

Ryan Getzlaf, Team Canada captain.

4 SPORTS

NHL playoffs

"I think it's everything that we were anticipating really from the hockey standpoint. We expected tight games. We expected not a lot of room out there from either team, and games down to the wire."

Devils captain Zach Parise on his team's Eastern Conference final series with the New York Rangers. The best-of-seven, knotted at 1-1, moves to the Prudential Center in New Jersey for Game 3 on Saturday afternoon and Game 4 on Monday night.

On the web

There's no doubt Los Angeles faces an uphill battle after dropping Games 1 and 2 to the Thunder. but Kobe Bryant says his Lakers "found some things out" during the losses in Oklahoma City that will help them get back into the series at Staples Center. Scan the code for the story.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	25	14	.641	—
Tampa Bay	24	15	.615	1
Toronto	21	18	.538	4
New York	20	18	.526	4½
Boston	18	20	.474	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	22	16	.579	—
Detroit	18	20	.474	4
Chicago	18	21	.462	4½
Kansas City	15	22	.405	6½
Minnesota	12	26	.316	10

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	24	15	.615	—
Oakland	20	19	.513	4
Los Angeles	17	22	.436	7
Seattle	16	24	.400	8½

Yesterday's results
Toronto 4 N.Y. Yankees 1
Baltimore 5 Kansas City 3
Boston 5 Tampa Bay 3
Chicago White Sox 6 L.A. Angels 1
Cleveland 6 Seattle 5 (11 innings)
Minnesota 4 Detroit 3
Oakland 5 Texas 4 (10 innings)
Wednesday's results
Toronto 8 N.Y. Yankees 1
Baltimore 4 Kansas City 3 (15 inn.)
Cleveland 9 Seattle 3
L.A. Angels 7 Chicago White Sox 2
Minnesota 11 Detroit 7
Tampa Bay 2 Boston 1
Texas 4 Oakland 1
Today's games
INTERLEAGUE
All Times Eastern
Chicago White Sox (Humber 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 4-1), 2:20 p.m.
Baltimore (Arrieta 2-4) at Washington (E.Jackson 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Bard 3-4) at Philadelphia (Hamels 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Zambrano 1-2) at Cleveland (Masterson 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Morton 2-3) at Detroit (Verlander 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 2-1) at Toronto (R.Romero 4-1), 7:07 p.m.
Atlanta (Hanson 4-3) at Tampa Bay (Shields 6-1), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Feliz 3-1) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (J.Saunders 2-3) at Kansas City (Mendoza 2-2), 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Diamond 2-0) at Milwaukee (Estrada 0-2), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Millwood 1-4) at Colorado (White 0-2), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 5-1) at San Diego (Suppan 2-1), 10:05 p.m.
Oakland (Parker 1-1) at San Francisco (Zito 2-1), 10:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	24	15	.615	—
Washington	23	15	.605	½
New York	21	17	.553	2½
Miami	20	18	.526	3½
Philadelphia	20	19	.513	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	22	16	.579	—
Cincinnati	19	18	.514	2½
Pittsburgh	18	20	.474	4
Houston	17	21	.447	5
Milwaukee	16	22	.421	6
Chicago	15	23	.395	7

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	24	13	.649	—
San Francisco	19	19	.500	5½
Arizona	17	22	.436	8
Colorado	15	22	.405	9
San Diego	14	24	.368	10½

Yesterday's results
Arizona 9 Colorado 7
Atlanta 7 Miami 0
Houston 4 Milwaukee 0
N.Y. Mets 9 Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia 8 Chicago Cubs 7
Pittsburgh 5 Washington 3
San Francisco 7 St. Louis 5
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego
Wednesday's results
Cincinnati 6 N.Y. Mets 3
Colorado 6 Arizona 1
Houston 8 Milwaukee 3
Miami 8 Atlanta 4
Philadelphia 9 Chicago Cubs 2
San Diego 4 L.A. Dodgers 2
St. Louis 4 San Francisco 1
Washington 7 Pittsburgh 4
Tonight's game
All Times Eastern
St. Louis (Lynn 6-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 5-0), 10:10 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 4, YANKEES 1

N.Y. Yankees	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Jeter ss	4	0	1	0	KJhnsn 2b	3	0	0	0
Gmdrs cf	3	1	2	0	YEscor ss	4	1	2	0
Cano 2b	3	0	1	1	Bautist rf	4	2	2	2
Teixeir 1b	4	0	0	0	Encrnc 1b	4	0	0	0
Ibanez lf	3	0	0	0	Arencii c	4	1	1	2
Swisher dh	3	0	0	0	BFrncs dh	4	0	1	0
ErChvz 3b	4	0	1	0	Rasms cf	3	0	0	0
AnJons rf	4	0	0	0	YGoms 3b	3	0	2	0
Martin c	3	0	0	0	Vizquel 3b	1	0	0	0
RDavis lf	4	0	1	0					
Totals	31	1	5	1	Totals	34	4	9	4

N.Y. Yankees	100	000	000 — 1
Toronto	002	000	20x — 4

E—Jeter (3), Arencibia (3). DP—Toronto 1. LOB—New York 7, Toronto 8. 2B—Granderson (5), Cano (15), Er.Chavez (2), B.Francisco (2), R.Davis (4). HR—Bautista (10), Arencibia (5).

N.Y. Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
P.Hughes L,3-5	5 1-3	7	2	2	2	5
Wade	1 2-3	2	2	2	0	1
F.Garcia	1	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Hutchison W,3-1	6	5	1	1	4	3
Frasor H,6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oliver H,5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Janssen S,3-4	1	0	0	0	0	1

Umpires—Home, Dale Scott; First, CB Bucknor; Second, Bill Miller; Third, Dan Iassogna. T—2:37. A—31,266 (49,260) at Toronto.

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

CHAMPIONSHIP

Tomorrow's game
All Times Eastern
CHAMPIONS CUP
Edmonton at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.

SOCCER

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
New York	11	7	3	1	23	16	22
Kansas City	10	7	3	0	13	7	21
D.C.	13	6	4	3	22	16	21
Chicago	9	4	2	3	11	10	15
Houston	9	3	3	3	8	9	12
New England	10	4	6	0	12	13	12
Montreal	11	3	5	3	12	16	12
Columbus	9	3	4	2	8	11	11
Philadelphia	9	2	6	1	7	12	7
Toronto	8	0	8	0	6	18	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Salt Lake	13	8	3	2	19	12	26
San Jose	11	7	2	2	22	12	23
Seattle	10	7	2	1	13	4	22
Vancouver	10	5	3	2	10	11	17
Colorado	11	5	6	0	15	14	15
Dallas	12	3	6	3	11	18	12
Los Angeles	10	3	5	2	12	15	11
Chivas USA	10	3	6	1	6	12	10
Portland	10	2	5	3	9	13	9

Wednesday's result
D.C. 2 Colorado 0
Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern
Seattle at Vancouver, 5 p.m.
Houston at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at D.C., 7:30 p.m.
New York at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Chicago at Portland, 7 p.m.

AMWAY CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

(winner qualifies for CONCACAF Champions League)
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(total goals aggregate final)
Wednesday's result — First Leg
Toronto 1 Vancouver 1
Wednesday, May 23 — Second Leg
Vancouver at Toronto, 8 p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Tomorrow's game — All Times Eastern
CHAMPIONSHIP
At Munich
Bayern Munich (Germany) vs. Chelsea (England), 2:45 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP-WTA ITALIAN OPEN

At Rome
Yesterday's results
Men's Singles — Third Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Juan Monaco (14), Argentina, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-1, 6-1.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 6-2, 5-7, 6-1.
Richard Gasquet (16), France, def. Andy Murray (4), Britain, 6-7 (1), 6-3, 6-2.
Doubles — Second Round
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (1), Toronto**, def. Gianluca Naso and Filippo Volandri, Italy, 6-3, 3-6, 10-7 (tiebreak).
Women's Singles — Third Round
Dominika Cibulkova (14), Slovakia, def. Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus (walkover).
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Ana Ivanovic (13), Serbia, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.
Venus Williams, U.S., def. Samantha Stosur (5), Australia, 6-4, 6-3.

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best of 7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(Series tied 1-1)
Wednesday's result
New Jersey 3 N.Y. Rangers 2
Tomorrow's game
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Monday, May 21
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 25
x-N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 27
x-New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
PHOENIX (3) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads series 3-0)
Last night's result
Los Angeles 2 Phoenix 1
Sunday's game
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22
x-Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 24
x-Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 26
x-Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

KINGS 2, COYOTES 1

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Doan Phx (roughing) 2:06.
Second Period
1. Phoenix, Langkow 1 (Yandle, Morris) 1:03
2. Los Angeles, Kopitar 5 (Brown, Williams) 3:10
Penalties — Morris Phx (roughing) 5:56, Martinez LA (cross-checking) 13:59.
Third Period
3. Los Angeles, King 5 (Lewis, Stoll) 1:47
Penalties — Rozsival Pho (high-sticking) 4:43, Ekman-Larsson Pho (cross-checking) 13:22, Doan Pho, Doughty LA (holding) 14:46, Vrbata Pho (slashing) 19:18.
Shots on goal by

Phoenix	11	4	4	— 19
Los Angeles	8	7	13	— 28

Goal — Phoenix: Smith (L,8-6-0); Los Angeles: Quick (W,11-1-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Phoenix: 0-1; Los Angeles: 0-5.
Attendance — 18,367 (18,118) at Los Angeles.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA

At Sestri Levante, Italy
Yesterday's results
Stage 12 — 155 kilometres
1. Lars Bak, Denmark, Lotto Belisol, three hours, 58 minutes, 55 seconds; 2. Sandy Casar, France, FDJ-Big Mat, 11 seconds behind; 3. Andrey Amador, Costa Rica, Movistar, same time; 4. Jan Bakelants, Belgium, RadioShack, s.t.; 5. Ivan Santaromita, Italy, BMC Racing, s.t.; 6. Jackson Rodriguez, Venezuela, Androni Giocattoli, s.t.; 7. Amets Txurruka, Spain, Euskaltel, s.t.; 8. Martijn Keizer, Netherlands, Vacansoleil, 0:43; 9. Michal Golas, Poland, Omega Pharma-Quickstep, 0:48; 10. Juan Antonio Flecha Giannoni, Spain, Sky Procycling, 3:34.
Canadians — 19. Ryder Hesjedal, Victoria, Garmin-Barracuda, same time; 94. Dominique Rollin, Boucherville, Que., Orica-GreenEdge, 8:08; 164. Svein Tuft, Langley, B.C., FDJ-Big Mat, 20:21; 170. Christian Meier, Sussex, N.B., Orica-GreenEdge, same time.

HOCKEY

IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday's results
QUARTER-FINALS
At Helsinki
Slovakia 4 **Canada 3**
Finland 3 U.S. 2
At Stockholm
Czech Republic 4 Sweden 3
Russia 5 Norway 2
Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern
SEMIFINALS
At Helsinki
Russia vs. Finland, 7:30 a.m.
Slovakia vs. Czech Republic, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday's games
At Helsinki
BRONZE MEDAL
Semifinal Losers, 9 a.m.
GOLD MEDAL
Semifinal Winners, 1:30 p.m.

SLOVAKIA 4, CANADA 3

First Period
1. Slovakia, Kopecky 5 (Radivojevic, Handzus) 5:57
2. Slovakia, Satan 2 (Hudacek, Surovy) 9:14
3. Canada, E.Kane 4 (Getzlaf) 16:14
Penalty — Getzlaf Cda (hooking) 3:11.
Second Period
4. Canada, Skinner 3 (Eberle, Sharp) 6:30 (pp)
5. Canada, Burrows 3 (Russell, Ladd) 17:43
Penalties — Mikus Svk (tripping) 5:26, Hovorka Svk (slashing) 8:46, Sersen Svk (high-sticking) 9:19, Skinner Cda (slashing) 11:07.
Third Period
6. Slovakia, Bartovic 3 (Tatar) 13:25
7. Slovakia, Handzus 2 (Sekera) 17:32 (pp)
Penalties — Nugent-Hopkins Cda (boarding) 15:28, Getzlaf Cda (kneeing major, game misconduct) 17:28.
Shots on goal by

Canada	6	17	13	— 36
Slovakia	10	7	11	— 28

Goal — Canada: Ward (L,4-2-0); Slovakia: Laco (W,6-1-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Canada: 1-3; Slovakia: 1-4.
Attendance — 11,568 at Helsinki, Finland.

MEMORIAL CUP

CANADIAN MAJOR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Shawinigan, Que.
All Times Eastern
ROUND ROBIN
Tonight's game
Edmonton vs. Shawinigan, 7 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
London vs. Saint John, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Shawinigan vs. London, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 21
Edmonton vs. Saint John, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22
London vs. Edmonton, 7 p.m.
PARTICIPANTS
Edmonton Oil Kings (WHL champions)
London Knights (OHL champions)
Saint John Sea Dogs (QMJHL champions)
Shawinigan Cataractes (host)
RECENT CHAMPIONS
2011 — Saint John Sea Dogs
2010 — Windsor Spitfires
2009 — Windsor Spitfires
2008 — Spokane Chiefs
2007 — Vancouver Giants
2006 — Quebec Remparts
2005 — London Knights
2004 — Kelowna Rockets
2003 — Kitchener Rangers
2002 — Kootenay Ice
2001 — Red Deer Rebels

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best of 7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
MIAMI (2) VS. INDIANA (3)
(Indiana leads series 2-1)
Last night's result
Indiana 94 Miami 75
Sunday's game
Miami at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
BOSTON (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (8)
(Boston leads series 2-1)
Wednesday's result
Boston 107 Philadelphia 91
Tonight's game
Boston at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. L.A. CLIPPERS (5)
(San Antonio leads series 2-0)
Last night's result
San Antonio 105 L.A. Clippers 88
Tomorrow's game
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
OKLAHOMA CITY (2) VS. L.A. LAKERS (3)
(Oklahoma City leads series 2-0)
Wednesday's result
Oklahoma City 77 L.A. Lakers 75
Tomorrow's game
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.

GOLF

PGA BYRON NELSON CHAMPIONSHIP

At Irving, Texas
Par 70 (35-35)
First Round

Ryan Palmer	32-32—64
Marc Leishman	34-31—65
Alex Cejka	34-31—65
Scott Piercy	33-33—66
Charley Hoffman	32-34—66
Bill Lunde	34-32—66
Blake Adams	34-32—66
Matt Kuchar	33-33—66
Dicky Pride	34-32—66
Andres Gonzales	30-36—66
Greg Owen	35-32—67
Josh Teater	34-33—67
James Driscoll	34-33—67
Ricky Barnes	33-34—67
Jason Dufner	32-35—67
Jhonattan Vegas	35-32—67
Tim Petrovic	37-30—67
Keegan Bradley	36-31—67
Pat Perez	34-33—67
Chris Riley	33-34—67
Ryuji Imada	35-32—67
Kevin Kisner	33-34—67
Todd Demsey	33-34—67
Chris Couch	34-34—68
Rich Beem	34-34—68
J.J. Henry	35-33—68
Charles Howell III	34-34—68
Carl Pettersson	34-34—68
Jerry Kelly	34-34—68
Daniel Chopra	35-33—68
Nathan Green	35-33—68
Jonas Blixt	32-36—68
Will Claxton	34-34—68
Zack Miller	35-33—68
Richard H. Lee	32-36—68
David Mathis	34-34—68
Chad Campbell	34-34—68
Vijay Singh	34-34—68
Also	
Graham DeLaet	**35-36—71**
Stephen Ames	**38-36—74**
Matt McQuillan	**37-37—74**
Mike Weir	**37-38—75**

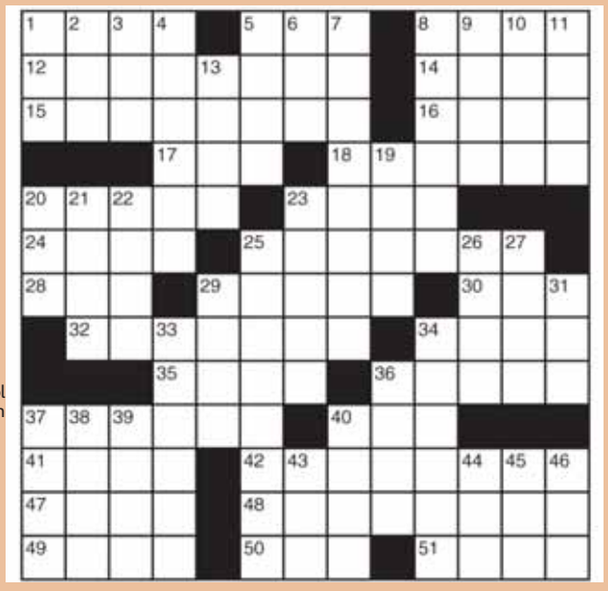
Crossword

Across

1 Milky gemstone
5 Pal in Paris
8 Radiate
12 Phone option
14 Hitchcock tour de force
15 Percussion instrument
16 Guitars' kin
17 Cattle call
18 User
20 Book of maps
23 Hi-tech journal
24 Meadows
25 Galley type
28 Omega preceder
29 Belief in natural religion
30 Mimic
32 Neptune's spear
34 A Great Lake
35 Fill till full
36 Sweater style
37 Water-carved gully
40 Journey segment
41 Apply finger paints
42 Home of the steel drum
47 Tulsa's st.
48 Recondite
49 Crystal gazer
50 Illuminated
51 Nitwit

Down

1 1-Across' mo.
2 Standard
3 "The Greatest"
4 Andean herd
5 Jason's ship
6 Wire measure
7 Imprac-tical one
8 Deep-seated ill will
9 Trickster god
10 Oil cartel
11 Into the sunset
13 Grandson of Eve
19 Campus quarters
20 Matterhorn, for one
21 Criterion
22 Den
23 Saline solution
25 Abstain from alcohol
26 Stallion's companion
27 Grand story
29 Crucial time
31 "A mouse!"
33 Weather-map line
34 Surround
36 Outlet
37 Commotions
38 Croupier's tool
39 Hold the scepter
40 Roster
43 Hitter's stat
44 Twosome
45 Cleo's slayer
46 Fourth letter



Sudoku

	2						1	
	9	1		4		8	7	
3			1		6			2
		3	8		7	9		
		5	3		4	7		
7			6		2			5
	8	6		7		1	3	
	5						6	

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	2	3	7	5	1	8	9	4
1	5	4	8	6	9	3	7	2
9	7	8	4	3	2	1	6	5
2	8	7	5	1	4	6	3	9
4	1	9	3	2	6	5	8	7
3	6	5	9	8	7	2	4	1
5	9	1	6	7	8	4	2	3
8	4	2	1	9	3	7	5	6
7	3	6	2	4	5	9	1	8

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

OU C BAKYBA ECGHFY OG ZRYM UYORJIPM CJI LYRLCYOFKG. O'I ACZR HF GCM AR'G C ERFEPR ECYGFJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SOME SMALL POOCHES CARRY AROUND ELECTRICAL FITTINGS, YOU MIGHT SAY THAT PUGS LUG PLUGS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals P

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

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WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. What seems like a problem now will have resolved itself by the early part of next week, so leave well alone.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You will have to start dealing with the consequences of your actions over the past few weeks.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Some people may complain that they've not got the breaks they deserved, but that cuts no ice with you.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You must adopt a positive attitude over the next 24 hours.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. It may seem as if you are moving in the opposite direction to everyone else but why should that worry you?

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You don't usually pay attention to conspiracy theories but what happens over the next few days will make you wonder if maybe there is something going on, something you should know about.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Check the facts today, in all situations, because it could be the case that someone is hoping to mislead you.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You will be on the move over the next few days and there is no telling where you will end up come Monday morning!

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Try not to take anything too seriously today. If you do you will quickly get annoyed when people you work or do business with try to undermine what you've accomplished.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. There may be all sorts of bad things going on in the world but none of them is your fault.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Your time will come – and very soon.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Something good will happen today, something that makes you glad to be alive. Most likely the universe is paying you back for some of the helpful things you have done for other people. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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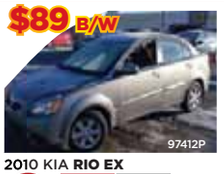

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